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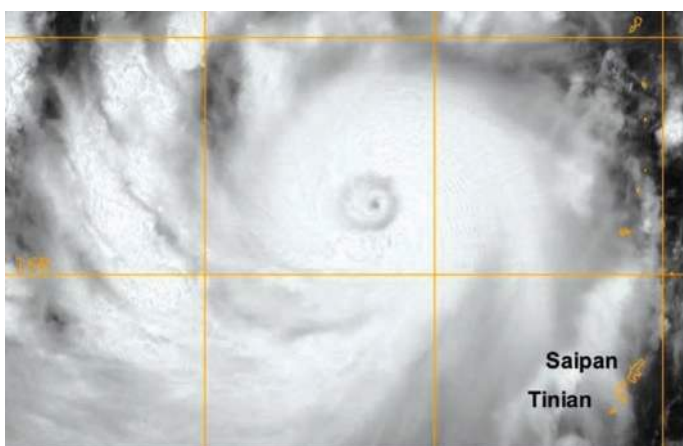
Soudelor reclassified as Category 4

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From Category 2 prior to making land-fall on Saipan in August, to being upgraded to Category 3 a month later, Typhoon Soudelor is now classified as a Category 4 tropical cyclone, based on assessments done by the National Weather Service in Guam and the University of Guam-Water and Environmental Research Institute.

Revising their earlier assessment in September, which said that Soudelor had peak over-

water wind speed of 127 miles per hour or 110 knots with gusts of up to 150 mph or 130 knots,



Visible satellite imagery captures the tiny "pinhole" eye of Typhoon Soudelor that formed prior to the typhoon's passage over Saipan, and continued to be present as it tracked over and past the island. Image was taken at 1pm of Aug. 3, 2015. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

NWS and UOG made slight changes to the wind strength enough to raise Soudelor to Category 4.

"The team has now raised its estimate of Soudelor's equiva-

lent over-water intensity to the 130-mph (113-knot) sustained wind threshold of a Category

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CUC: 180 transformers arrive

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The first batch of reconditioned transformers arrived on island yesterday as part of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp's ef-

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fort in restoring power to the island after Typhoon Soudelor.

A total of 180 transformers were

scheduled to fly in yesterday, according to CUC public information office Brad Ruszala.

Acting CUC executive director John Riegel told *Saipan Tribune* this batch was the first out of the 486 "reconditioned" transformers ordered from Kansas City.

Another 800 "new" transformers have been ordered on top of that, according to Riegel.

CUC and Federal Emergency Management Agency officials were at the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport late yesterday afternoon to receive the transformers and load them on lowboys.

The transformers flew in on a Boeing 727 plane, bringing

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REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Inmates build an extension to a maintenance facility at the Department of Corrections in Su-supe. Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres toured the Department of Correction on Friday to discuss a new vocational program that would transition inmates into the workforce and back into society.

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Star Marianas launches Rota-Guam flights

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Star Marianas Air announced Friday the commencement of twice daily scheduled flights between Rota and Guam starting Oct. 16, according to a statement from airline president Shaun Christian.

"With the recent opening of the Light Aircraft Commuter Facility [in] Guam, we now have a facility that is adequate for our size of aircraft and the scope of our operation," the Star Marianas statement said.

Star Marianas says the Light Aircraft Commuter Facility is located west of the Guam International Airport terminal. It is in the building formerly known as the Yellow Cargo Building.

Flights will use twin engine Piper PA-31-350 Navajo Chieftains, which feature air-

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AmeriCares finishes 5-week mission on Saipan

» **CHCC, Best Sunshine host appreciation dinners**

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Volunteers from the AmeriCares who came to Saipan to help with Typhoon Soudelor response will be leaving the island soon after completing their five-week mission.

Last Friday, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. hosted a dinner party for the group at



AmeriCares members and CORE representatives are given appreciation dinners by Best Sunshine Live and the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. during the weekend as they wrapped up their five-week mission on Saipan.

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tal based on the fact that there's an increase in census. We had a full ER, full hospital wards and in addition to that we had the special needs patients, the ones who were staying because of the fact that they needed electricity," Muña said.

"When we contacted AmeriCares, I was just touched. We were asking for help and they were just very quick to respond. Our hearts was just touched by the fact that they were willing to come, you know, just jump in the airplane and come here," she added.

The AmeriCares team was able to provide nearly a thousand hours of volunteer service, from working 40 hours a week in the hospital and working on weekends to help the mobile outreach clinic of the hospital along with the Community Outreach Recovery Efforts.

They also did home visits for those who weren't able to access hospital services or the clinics on the weekends.

"They are a very big help because they helped us in the hospital. ... They helped us also with doing the medical outreach," Muña said.

"We are so grateful to all of you," AmeriCares emergency response manager Kate Dischino said. "It's been a pleasure to join you and work with you alongside of the recovery efforts and we are so grateful to be here."

the Carolinian Utt in Garapan. On Saturday, Best Sunshine Live hosted the team for some dinner and drinks.

CHCC presented AmeriCares with plaques of appreciation and pins. A total of 11 volunteers consisting of doctors, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and nurses came to Saipan to help.

CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muña said they wanted to show their appreciation to the AmeriCares team.

"They never said no and it's just amazing. They never said no to anything that we asked them to do when we needed help," Muña said.

Best Sunshine International, Ltd. also acknowledged the work that the team has done on Saipan.

"I want to thank you as a resident of Saipan. Thank you for your hard work and dedication," chief services officer Tao Xing said.

It was Muña who invited the AmeriCares team to Saipan, at the suggestion of the American Red Cross.

"We saw a need in the hospi-

Torres tours Saipan prison

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Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres toured the Department of Correction on Friday to check on the inmates and discuss a new vocational program that would transition them into the workforce and back into society.

Torres toured the facility with Corrections Commissioner Robert A. Guerrero, staff, and other Correction officials and a counselor overseeing the new vocational program.

Torres said the vocational program is an "excellent foundation" for inmates who will soon be released and provides hope for their families.

According to Guerrero, the program is about a year-and-half long and is being implemented with the help of the Northern Marianas Technical Institute, through which inmates will be taught certified voca-

tional skills.

Guerrero said inmates who will soon be released will be given a three-month "furlough" period. During those 90 days, the inmates will be placed at a job for six days out of a week, Thursday to Tuesday.

Guerrero assured that inmates will be monitored by officers and any infraction will result in the furlough being revoked immediately.

Corrections plans to start the program with electrical training. Inmates have also expressed an interest in culinary arts. The program is on a volunteer-basis, according to Corrections.

"Of course, it's a risk," Torres told reporters on Friday. "But if the community gives that support, it's definitely a start." He noted that program participants are "non-violent" inmates.

"We do need the community to support the program. ... We

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This message is brought to you by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in partnership with the CHCC: Community Guidance Center.

Justice Inos suspends proceedings in rape case

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The CNMI Supreme Court has issued an order suspending the Superior Court proceedings in the case of George Norris Langu Jr., an 18-year-old student accused of breaking into a neighbor's house and raping a 16-year-old girl.

Associate Justice Perry B. Inos said the government filed last Wednesday, Oct. 7, a motion to stay the trial court proceedings in Langu's case pending resolution of its petition for a writ of mandamus before the high court.

In an order on Thursday, Inos said given the circumstances, filing a motion to stay in the trial court would be impracticable.

Furthermore, the associate justice said, the high court is unconvinced that resolution of this petition will unduly delay trial because a substantially expedited briefing schedule has been issued.

In the footnote of his order, Inos said the Commonwealth filed its motion to stay after the trial court filed a brief in this matter, which advised that dual proceedings in the trial court and the high court constituted an inefficient use of judicial resources.

Inos said the trial court's brief requested the high court to remand to the trial court or extend briefing by 45 days.

"This court declines to address the trial court's request because it is not a party to this proceeding," Inos pointed out.

With the Inos' order, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho on Thursday vacated the hearing on the government's motion for reconsid-

eration set for Friday, Oct. 9, at 1:30pm.

During a preliminary hearing last Sept. 15, citing what he termed as a "loophole" in the law, Camacho dismissed the first-degree sexual assault charge filed against Langu.

Camacho found no probable cause to believe that the crime of sexual assault in the first degree has been committed. He noted that when the Legislature amended the sex crime law, it inadvertently created a loophole.

Camacho, however, found probable cause to believe that Langu committed the other charges: burglary, assault and battery, disturbing the peace, and criminal mischief.

The Office of the Attorney General then filed a motion for reconsideration.

In the motion for reconsideration, the prosecution stated that Camacho's order "threaten[s] the lives and safety of thousands of CNMI teenagers."

The OAG also asserted that the judge's ruling threatens to deter teenagers who are victims of sexual assault from coming forward to submit complaints to the police for fear that such complaints are now legally meritless.

While the motion for reconsideration was supposedly set for a hearing last Friday, the OAG also submitted a petition for writ of mandamus before the high court to avoid losing the government's ability to challenge the ruling in front of the Supreme Court.

In the petition, the OAG asked the high court to step in "to correct" Camacho's alleged mistake in dismissing the first-degree sexual assault charge.

Assistant attorney general

Matthew C. Baisley asked the high court to immediately issue a writ of mandamus that instructs Camacho to reinstate the sexual assault charge.

Baisley also asked the high court to instruct the trial court that there is no legislative loophole to first-degree sexual assault statute.

"The Commonwealth is free to charge defendants with sexual assault in the first degree, regardless of the victim's or offender's age," he said.

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2 allegedly behind some burglaries arrested

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Two men, believed to be among a group of thieves behind several burglary and theft cases on Saipan after Typhoon Soudelor ravaged the island, were arrested last week.

After burglarizing a house, Patrick Hernandez Muña, 18, and Bruce Manglona Iglecias, 33, allegedly went to 888 Poker in Garapan, where they met a man to trade some stolen items with methamphetamine or "ice." Muña and Iglecias then smoked "ice" at Iglecias' house.

At a hearing on Friday, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho kept the \$20,000 cash bail for each defendant. Preliminary hearing

will be on Oct. 16 at 9am.

Assistant public defender Matthew Meyer was appointed as counsel for Muna; a private counsel will be appointed for Iglecias.

Police said the two were behind the burglaries that happened at Flor's Hair Salon and Girl Talk in southern Garapan last Aug. 24. The two establishments are located in the same one-story commercial building at the corner of Beach Road and Taibwo Street in Garapan.

Police said the two suspects were also behind the burglary at the residence behind the salon.

Stolen from Flor's Hair Salon were an inverter, a car battery, and a hair clipper, while thieves ran off with the cash register and its daily change fund from Girl

Talk, *Saipan Tribune* learned. The owner of Flor's Hair Salon told police that her landlord's house behind the salon was also burglarized. At that time, the landlord identified as Dr. Chao Chiu was off-island.

According to Emerlinda C. Banayos, who was assigned by Chiu to watch the house, she checked the house a day before and left at 6pm after securing all the doors and gate. At 9:30pm, she returned to make sure the house was still okay and that's when she found the main gate and house door wide open.

In a later interview with a detective, Banayos disclosed that Chiu's house had been burglarized thrice. The first incident was on Aug. 24. Bur-

glars took off with a large white safe containing personal documents, personal checks, and company checks.

The second time was on Aug. 25. Banayos discovered that the house was burglarized again when she came at 5:30pm to meet with the carpenters so they could board up the house.

The house was burglarized a third time on Aug. 26.

On Sept. 12, 2015, police detectives Andrew Taimanao and Daniel Maliuyaf interviewed Iglecias regarding a theft case he was involved in. Iglecias disclosed that Muña stole some L.E.D. lights from a construction site by Sugar Dock and that Muna gave him a Buddha head that was stolen from a house behind Girl Talk.

Muna said he was at Happy Poker when Muna asked him if he could take him to the house behind Girl Talk, where they loaded a big blender, a carved wooden fish, and a Buddha head.

Iglecias admitted he had the Buddha.

Banayos identified the Buddha head to be Chiu's.

On Sept. 16, in an interview with police Muna admitted burglarizing the house behind Girl Talk with Iglecias.

Muna stated there were no lights because they did it after Typhoon Soudelor and no one was there.

Muna also revealed that his cousin told him to go into the house and steal the Japanese scrolls that were hanging on the wall because the gate and front door were already open.

He said his cousin and an-

other person had broken into the house already.

On Sept. 17, police detective Catherine B. Pangelinan interviewed a man who admitted he was at 888 Poker when Muna approached and sold him a wooden fish carving and a blender in a box.

Pangelinan and Maliuyaf recovered the wooden fish carving in Dandan and the blender at an establishment in As Lito. Banayos identified the items as Chiu's property.

On Sept. 24, Taimanao handed the recovered Buddha head to Banayos.

Police recently arrested Muña for allegedly stealing a battery from a Federal Emergency Management Agency's generator that was placed at the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s water pump station in Chalan Kanoa last Sept. 10.



Bayani Association donated hygiene kits to Dandan Middle School last Friday as part of the proceeds of their Queen of the World pageant and fundraiser.

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Bayani Association donates hygiene kits to Dandan Middle School

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The Bayani Association donated hygiene kits to Dandan Middle School last Friday.

Twenty bottles of hand sanitizers, 100 deodorants, 240 rolls of tissue, and three boxes of sanitary napkins worth \$550 were

handed over to the school.

"We are pleased to turn over these hygiene products to Dandan Middle School," Bayani Association president Mario Mayuga said.

"We're very thankful for their generous contributions and also for seeking options," school principal Lynn Mendiola said.

She said the group reached out to them to find out what they needed.

"I said, 'To be honest with you I have a lot of school supplies, I have notebooks, MREs, water bottles but what we really need are hygiene kits like hand sanitizers,'" Mendiola said.

Mendiola noted that the hy-

giene products are a big help since they spent a lot of their funds on these items last year. Dandan Middle School has 341 students.

"This is a middle school so body odor is a big issue, and so I said deodorant and sanitary napkins are essential because last year we spent a lot of our local funds on these items," she said.

Mayuga said they were supposed to donate sports equipment but the need of the school changed.

"Our original plan was to donate sports equipment but after the typhoon, we talked to Ms. Lynn to see if they still need the sports equipment but somebody donated already. So we asked

the principal what other things they need," Mayuga said.

The donation was made using proceeds from the association's 14th anniversary event, Queen of the World gay beauty pageant, held last July. They were also able to donate ceiling fans to the Office on Aging through the funds they raised.

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in 12 pallets. The plane flew in from Guam.

"[The transformers] will enable us to increase the speed at which we hook up custom-

ers. So that's good news. It's the big news that we've all been waiting for," Riegel told *Saipan Tribune* near press time yesterday.

Saipan Tribune last reported that CUC has collected 635 damaged transformers following Typhoon Soudelor, which

crippled the utility's power and distribution grid.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has collected these transformers and placed them at a staging area in Power Plant 1. Some 6,200 gallons of oil have been removed from 307 transformers

and await shipment off island for recycling, the EPA reported last week through Delegate Gregorio "Kilili" C. Sablan (Ind-MP).

Riegel also told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that CUC has brought back 24-hour water to Kagman as of last Friday.

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4 typhoon. The typical peak gust associated with a tropical cyclone of this intensity is 165 mph (143 knots)," NWS and WERI said.

The wind assessment was done by NWS Forecast Office Guam warning coordination meteorologist Charles Guard and WERI meteorologist Dr. Mark Lander.

The wind strength was raised after the team reanalyzed more than 100 original damage pictures obtained on-site and assessing some new damage information from subsequent visits.

They also analyzed other factors relating to typhoon intensity, such as the measurements of the minimum central pressure and the characteristics of Soudelor's eye on satellite imagery.

The team already noted earlier that some of the damage on Saipan was consistent with even stronger gusts that were at-or-above the Category 4 threshold.

According to them, gusts of this magnitude are capable of causing the type of extensive damage seen in portions of central Saipan.

"The central west coast of the island had some of the most impressive wind damage, with healthy mature ironwood trees uprooted or snapped at the

trunk. Patches and swaths of heavier wind damage are readily explained by turbulent wind flow across complex terrain," their statement said.

However, not every part of the island experienced these peak winds. Based on their assessment, the north and south ends of the island were spared the worst because those locations were not located under the inner portion of the eyewall.

Despite upgrading its strength, NWS and WERI still doesn't confirm the occurrence of tornadoes as some residents claimed.

"The presence of some trees in close proximity felled in opposite directions was thought by

some to be evidence of tornadoes, but most, if not all, of the treefall pattern is consistent with the large-scale swirling cyclonic flow of the typhoon itself," they said.

NWS and WERI said the large-scale swirling wind of the typhoon with a sustained wind and peak gust of a single magnitude of 130 mph and 165 mph would be an appropriate metric for all the observed effects of the typhoon.

"The patches of heavier damage are now viewed as areas where, for reasons of complex terrain and exposure, the peak over water gust of 165 mph was experienced in full force for an extended period of time," they added.

STAR

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conditioning and upgraded GPS navigation systems, according to Star Marianas.

Last April, *Saipan Tribune* reported that the Guam International Airport Authority would give the notice-to-proceed on renovations to the yellow cargo facility.

The Light Aircraft Commuter Facility is for light aircraft of 12,500 lbs or less and is exempt from Transportation Security

Administration security mandates such as passenger screening, according to GIAA in April.

In its statement Friday, Star Marianas thanked the various parties who played an instrumental role in making their new service possible.

Star Marianas thanks the legislative delegations of Rota and Tinian, Rota Mayor Efraim Atalig, Tinian Mayor Joey Patrick San Nicolas, the GIAA, the Commonwealth Ports Authority, CNMI and Guam customs, and quarantine agencies.

TORRES

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are trying to better our society," he said.

Guerrero, for his part, said inmates are also "our brothers and sister, and close relatives.

"We have a lot of recidivists here. And the reason being, when they get released they have nothing to go out there to. They don't have a job and, of course, they go back to their old ways and end

up back here. When they get released, hopefully they will realize what they did wrong and build their lives from there."

Torres' informational visit on Friday ties into the economic plan he promised to refine in a speech at the Saipan Rotary Club last week. Torres said in that speech that the administration would outline its vision for a Commonwealth of "shared opportunity" in the coming months and asked for the support of the community.

Palacios says 'unified plan' needed to address CW issue

Sportswriter sues tour bus, driver

Saipan Tribune sportswriter Jhonatan Perez has filed a lawsuit against a tour bus and its former driver who rammed his van, causing him serious injuries.

Perez's wife, Sarah U. Perez, also joined in the case as co-plaintiff, suing for loss of consortium.

Perez is suing Fernando C. Estella for reckless, careless, and negligent driving, and Tasi Tours and Transportation Inc. for negligent entrustment; negligent hiring; independent negligence, reckless and intentional claim; and servant relationship liability.

The couple, through attorney Victorino DLG. Torres, requested the Superior Court to order a mandatory mediation. In the event the mediation is unsuccessful, they want a jury trial.

Perez is demanding damages for pain and suffering, emotional distress, mental anguish, medical care and expenses, and bodily injury. He also asked for attorney's fees and court costs.

Perez was at the traffic light intersection near the Bank of Hawaii on Chalan Pale Arnold in Puerto Rico on July 31, 2015, and had just entered the intersection after the traffic light turned green when Estella, who was driving north on a Tasi Tour bus, ran the red light and plowed into Perez's van.

The bus dragged the van, causing it to spin and fall into a ditch about four feet deep on the shoulder of the road. Medics arrived and brought Perez to the hospital.

Perez, 38, survived the accident with a fractured left

clavicle and bruises on the left side of his face. It also resulted in a total loss of value to his vehicle.

Estella was cited for three traffic offenses.

Torres said Estella breached his duty of due care and was negligent, reckless, and careless when he was driving fast, knowing that the traffic signal turns yellow and failed to stop when the traffic signal turns red.

The lawyer said Estella had been issued in the past with multiple traffic citations and violations, including reckless driving, which makes him unfit to be an operator of a tour company bus.

Despite this, Torres said, Tasi Tour entrusted the vehicle to Estella. Torres said Tasi Tour knew or should have known that Estella had been issued with multiple traffic citations, was incompetent, and reckless.

Torres also noted that on that day of the accident, the speedometer of the bus was not working. He said Tasi Tour's agents, employees, and managers were aware of this.

"As a direct and proximate result of defendant Tasi Tour's reckless indifference to the rights of others, it created substantial risks of harm to the plaintiffs and other members of the public," Torres said.

When asked by a traffic investigator what was his speed at that time, Estella replied that the bus speedometer was broken, according to a police report.

Estella, 35, was later terminated from Tasi Tour after the accident, Saipan Tribune learned. (Ferdie de la Torre)

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REPORTER

The chairman of the Senate Committee on Federal Relations and Independent Agencies is urging for a "unified plan" among stakeholders to address the shortfall of workers in the CNMI ahead of the expiration of the local contract worker program in 2019.

Sen. Arnold Palacios (R-Saipan) says the CNMI needs to sit down with its leaders and determine the way forward, as it is also a congressional and federal policy issue.

Palacios said "hard numbers" need to be found and looked at for a "unified plan to put in place in a short period of time." That can come from the U.S. Department

of Homeland Security and the CNMI Labor Department.

According to Palacios, Esther Kia'aina, U.S. Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas, is advocating that they all agree on a plan to address the worker shortfall. Kia'aina also urged that they seek an audience with the U.S. Congress.

Palacios noted that Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) will play a "significant part...in this narrative."

"2019 is a hard date," Palacios told reporters last week. "It's in the law," referring to U.S. Public Law 110-229.

"I know there have been a lot of efforts from the college,

the Department of Labor, [the Northern Marianas Technical Institute], and other non-government agencies that are doing training like Latte Training Academy to help with the hospitality industry and whatnot. But at the end of the day, do we really have the population to support that economic initiative that we would like to see in the Commonwealth? Those are the hard questions we

have to ask ourselves," he said. "There needs to be a policy analysis component that is missing at the moment," Kia'aina told reporter last weeks, referring to how the CNMI currently suffers from a lack of federal

and local data. How many of the labor force is unemployed or how educated is the population, or even the current population count, are simple but crucial points to begin planning.

Kia'aina said the CW program issue is the "top priority" of the CNMI.

A total of 14,000 CW visas were allotted in 2014, according to Homeland Security statistics. In 2010, the total number of unemployed U.S. workers in the CNMI amounted to only about 20 percent of its 14,958 foreign workers, according to U.S. Department of Labor. That means even if all unemployed U.S. workers join the labor force, more than 11,000 jobs would still need to be filled by foreign workers.



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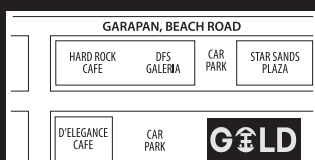
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Over 500 get free reading glasses

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REPORTER

The Lions Club International District 204 Region 2 was able to provide 510 residents on Saipan with free reading glasses last Saturday at the Marianas Business Plaza.

The project—hosted by the Saipan Fil-Am Lions Club, Saipan Marianas Lions Club, and the new Saipan Marianas Alpha Leos—is in line with the Lions Club International's Worldwide Week of Service in Sight, a special international service event to help eliminate

preventable blindness and improve eyesight.

Young and old in need of reading glasses of different graduations lined up as early as 7am to avail of the services.

"Our number one purpose is to serve," region chair lion Ladyvir Canape said, adding that they are hoping to do the event every year.

"The turnout for the distribution of reading glasses was great. We decided to do it at Marianas Business Plaza since they have the Saturday market. We we're able to service different nationalities on that

day," zone chair Lion Mario Mayuga said.

The Lions Club said they are thankful to Eric Van Der Maas of Marianas Business Plaza and Happy Market As Lito.

According to Canape, next in their project pipeline is a medical mission next year.

"The Lions Clubs' upcoming event is the Health Fair or Medical Mission this January 2016 with complete medical services like eye check, blood pressure check, sugar test, cholesterol test, glasses distribution, and diabetic awareness program, among others," Canape said.



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The Saipan Fil-American Lions Club, Saipan Marianas Lions Club, and the new Saipan Marianas Alpha Leos Club distribute over 500 free reading glasses on Saturday at the Marianas Business Plaza.

Temporary water service outage tomorrow

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. customers in two of Saipan's southern villages will experience a temporary service interruption as part of an ongoing waterline improvement project.

Tomorrow, Oct. 13, CUC will temporarily interrupt water service to customers in Finasisu and As Lito at 8am to allow CUC's contractor, RNV Construction, to install a new

gate valve at the intersection of Chalan Monsignor Martinez and Chalan Tun Doir Road.

CUC will limit the area affected by the nine-hour outage to customers along Chalan Monsignor Martinez between Chalan Monsignor Guerrero to ABCD Market in Koblerville, Chalan Tun Apa Road, Chalan Tun Doi Road, and Finasisu down to Frankie's Auto Shop on As Perdido Road.

The work in each of the villages is part of the San Vicente Service Area Extension Project funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

CUC and its contractor will restore water service to customers in the affected area once the work has been completed. For more information, contact project manager Yvonne Cabrera by calling 664-4282. (CUC)

Tropical disturbance has potential to affect NMI

The CNMI Emergency Operations Center, in coordination with the National Weather Service and Joint Typhoon Warning Center, is closely monitoring a tropical disturbance that has the potential to affect the CNMI over the next few days.

A tropical disturbance is centered about 900 miles east of Guam. This disturbance will move slowly west-northwest toward the Marianas over the next few days. As the system approaches the Marianas, expect scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms to develop over

the area by Tuesday and continue through at least Wednesday.

Periods of locally heavy showers, dangerous lightning and wind gusts of 30 to 35 mph are possible during the passage of this disturbance. Rainfall amounts of four inches or more are also possible, which can cause flooding in poor drainage and low-lying areas. Rough seas and low visibilities are also expected during the passage of this disturbance. Higher winds and rainfall are possible if the tropical disturbance develops

faster than forecast.

The CNMI EOC will continue to monitor all conditions in our area and provide updates. Although this tropical disturbance is no threat to the CNMI at this time, residents and visitors are advised to stay informed for the latest statements and forecasts from the NWS, JTWC, and CNMI EOC. Keep alert for any statements from local officials or call the CNMI EOC at (670) 237-8000 or on HF single side band radio at frequency 5.205.0. (HSEM)

Solomon Corp. works with CUC to restore power to Saipan

Solomon Corp., a Solomon, Kansas-based provider of transformer services, recently teamed with the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., to supply rebuilt transformers to Saipan, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands' capital after they suffered extreme devastation when Super Typhoon Soudelor hit the island on Aug. 2 and 3.

Over the past 10 days, Solomon Corp. employees have been working overtime to rebuild the first 180 of the 486 manufactured rewound polemount transformers destined for Saipan. Employees will continue to rebuild 100 transformers a week until the order of 486 is filled.

On Oct. 8, Solomon Corp.

delivered the first shipment of transformers to FEMA for transport to Saipan. The installation efforts of CUC will begin the process of returning power to the island's 55,000 residents for the first time since early August. This is the largest order of polemount transformers in the company's 44-year history.

The catastrophic Super Typhoon Soudelor knocked out power to the islands residents and flooded the state utility's power plant when the eye of the storm passed over Saipan. Soudelor produced sustained winds of 180-220 mph. Soudelor, considered the strongest storm on Earth to date this year, left most of the area without power, according to

The Weather Channel.

"Solomon Corp. is proud and privileged to be a part of this emergency power restoration effort," Tom Hemmer, Solomon Corp. CEO, said. "Our hearts go out to the people of Saipan, and we hope our efforts contribute in some small way to getting lives back to normal."

Solomon Corp. is a provider of repair, rebuild, and salvage services for electrical transformers and related oil-filled equipment. Founded in 1971, the company serves investor-owned, municipal and cooperative utilities, as well as industrial owners of electrical equipment throughout the U.S. Solomon Corp. employs approximately 500 people and operates facilities in four states. (PR)

Chinese woman sues Louis Vuitton Guam for alleged discrimination

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A Chinese woman and nine other Chinese nationals sued Louis Vuitton Guam in federal court on Friday for alleged discrimination, claiming the company paid them at a rate lower than non-Chinese employees and subjected them to hostile working environment.

Qian Yan Fejeran and nine other unnamed co-plaintiffs are suing Louis Vuitton Guam and nine other unnamed co-defendants for discrimination based on national origin and retaliation and discrimination based on disability.

Saipan Tribune tried but failed to obtain comments from Louis Vuitton Guam.

Fejeran, through counsel Colin Thompson, is demanding back pay with prejudgment interest, and front pay, compensation for past and future non-pecuniary losses, and damages.

According to Thompson, Fejeran filed a discrimination complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission on Nov. 26, 2014, against Louis Vuitton Guam.

On July 14, 2015, the EEOC issued Fejeran a notice of right to sue. Fejeran received the notice on July 22, 2015, Thompson said.

Fejeran was employed by Louis Vuitton Guam as a sales associate since June 21, 2001. In July 2007, she successfully completed the company's intermediate language training for Japanese language. In January 2009, she successfully completed the company's advanced Japanese language training.

In 2011, Fejeran was sent to Bangkok, Thailand for the art of service training. She received recognition as the store's top seller. In 2012, Fejeran was sent to Paris as part of her 10-year service award. She was also sent to cultural trainings, including in 2007, when she was sent to Paris.

Thompson said the company

hired a Japanese national (Kimi) in November 2006 as a sales associate. He said Kimi was immediately paid more than Fejeran and other Chinese nationals.

Thompson said during her employment, Fejeran was subjected to a hostile work environment because of her country of origin.

When Fejeran complained about discrimination, her complaints were allegedly ignored.

He said the defendants hired human resources specialist Frank Gibson to conduct an investigation and that Gibson's finding acknowledged that the store manager used racially derogatory terms like "Stupid Chinese."

In June 2011, Thompson said, Fejeran provided a letter from her doctor requesting accommodation for what was described as a "lifelong" situation resulting from her medical history.

Fejeran requested the following accommodations: not being required to lift objects over 20 lbs; limiting her working hours to 32 hours per week; and allowing her to sit approximately 5 minutes every one to two hours.

Thompson said the doctor indicated that Fejeran had knee pain and that X-ray images from January 2012 showed she had early onset of osteoarthritis in her right knee. Her doctor suggested that she be given the opportunity to sit down at least every two hours and that she should be limited from squatting repeatedly throughout the day, and carrying, pushing, or pulling loads greater than 15 lbs.

The company agreed and approved all of these requested accommodations.

In November 2013, Thompson said Fejeran was notified that she was being required to work 80 hours effective immediately.

In December 2014, defendants returned Fejeran's work schedule to a 32-hour workweek.



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BOE wants to know private schools' education tax credits

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REPORTER

The Board of Education wants to know how much private schools have been getting in education tax credits in the last five years.

According to Board of Education chair Herman T. Guerrero, he requested for the information months ago from the Department of Finance but it has yet to be released.

"I requested, under the Freedom of Information, the tax

credit for all the private schools, the amount that they've been getting the last five years, and they have not complied for the last almost four months or five months," Guerrero said during the BOE's special board meeting at the Azucena Hall of Fiesta Resort and Spa on Thursday.

The information was requested from the Department of Finance and, as mandated by the Open Government Act, the information should have been made available 10 days after the request.

"I know that...according to

Finance, they were requesting an extension, so we did [give them that]. But the extension has come and gone, already months later, and still nothing is forthcoming," Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune*.

"I expect that government officials will comply also with whatever laws. ...Why couldn't they give us the information right away? Stubbornness or just sloppiness or laziness is not in my book," he added.

Guerrero said he wants to communicate with the Attorney

General regarding the matter.

"I don't care whether she's the Secretary of Finance, she needs to comply with the Open Government Act. I want to write to the AG's and point that out that she has not complied with our request. I'd like to see what the private schools are getting," Guerrero said.

Guerrero said the ETC has always been an issue.

CNMI Public Law 10-73

provides incentives to private individuals and business entities to contribute to qualified educational institutions. Through this incentive taxpayers will be able to make cash contributions to qualifying educational institutions and receive a nonrefundable credit on their primary local taxes.

"The question is how much businesses or individuals are donating to the schools and

writing it off as their taxes. A lot of the people, if you really look at it, a lot of the business people send their kids to the private schools," Guerrero said.

For Guerrero, ETC should be given based on student populations.

"I think, perhaps, they should...amend the law and base it on student populations," Guerrero said. "That would include even the private schools."

UOG program doing survey on corruption for Guam and FSM

The University of Guam School of Business & Public Administration Master in Public Administration Program invites the island community to participate in surveys aimed at measuring residents' perception of corruption and government regulations on Guam and in the Federated States of Micronesia.

Each of the two surveys consists of corruption-related questions patterned after Transparency International's Global Corruption Barometer survey and also contains government regulation-related questions and demographic questions designed to obtain a profile of the survey respondent.

Transparency International is a non-governmental organization that monitors and publicizes corporate and political corruption. Its Global Corruption Barometer survey gathers government corruption data on the United States and over 100 other countries. However, no such data currently exists for Guam or FSM.

"Because we have no data on corruption and government regulations, we have been unable to compare Guam or the FSM with other economies on these issues," said Dr. Maria Claret Ruane, UOG professor of Economics. "We hope the survey results will allow the island community to put these im-

portant issues in proper perspective and quantify some resident views on these issues. We want our community to engage in a reflective and productive dialogue on how to improve upon our current situation, whatever it might be."

Survey participants must be at least 18 years old and currently residing on Guam or the FSM. Participation in either survey is completely voluntary and answers will be kept confidential and anonymous.

The surveys are available online at: <http://www.uog.edu/sbpa/mpa-survey>. Participants can also visit the UOG SBPA Dean's Office to fill out a printed survey. (UOG)

BoG executives graduate from banking school

HAGATNA, Guam—The Bank of Guam board of directors, management and staff are pleased to announce that Jennifer B. Sanchez and Joseph Cruz have graduated from Pacific Coast Banking School.

Sanchez is currently the Bank of Guam vice president/regional manager for the central south regions of Guam. She joined the bank in 2003 as a management trainee, and has been an opera-

tions officer (Yigo), Customer Service Department manager, New Accounts Department manager (Hagatna), branch manager (Mangilao) and branch manager (Hagatna) before assuming her current position as central south region manager.

Cruz is currently vice president/Relationship Banking manager. Cruz joined the bank in 2001 as a management trainee and was assigned to the Cor-

porate Banking Group and Marketing before being appointed branch manager in Upper Tumon. In 2010, Cruz became Harmon branch manager before relocating to the bank's Yap branch and then Pohnpei branch to serve as their respective manager. Cruz became the Business Services Division manager before taking the position of Relationship Banking manager in 2015. (BoG)



Left to right: Joseph Cruz, Lou A. Leon Guerrero, and Jennifer B. Sanchez.

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IN SUPPORT OF EDUCATION

Latte Training Academy instructor poses with the Kagman High School leadership. The Latte Training Academy and Island Training Solutions recently donated \$500 in supplies to Kagman High School. The organizations' recent contribution is a small part of its plan to aid in the CNMI's development.

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Jim Arenovski of Island Training Solutions poses with the Marianas High School leadership. Recently, the Latte Training Academy and Island Training Solutions donated six picnic tables to Marianas High School.

Filush joins the board of BankPacific

BankPacific chair Philip Flores announced Friday the election of Jerold W. "Jerry" Filush, CPA, CGMA, to the board of directors of BankPacific.

"Anyone who knows or knows of Jerry Filush realizes that this is a really good day for BankPacific. Jerry brings with him a wealth of business and professional talent. He understands the workings of our region, including Asia, and of

course his accounting and leadership credentials are impeccable," said Flores.

Filush is a former senior partner for Audit and Advisory Services in Guam and Southeast Asia Director of Independence for Deloitte & Touche LLP. He currently operates a sole proprietorship providing services in



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business management and accounting advisory areas.

Filush fills the vacancy created by the recent retirement from the board by attorney Joaquin Arriola after 52 years of distinguished service to the bank.

BankPacific operates offices in Guam, Saipan and Palau. (BankPacific)

1st school trip to Saipan by Japanese private girls school



A total of 110 students from Ikueinishi Junior & Senior High School, a private school for girls in the Nara Prefecture of Japan, will visit Saipan from Oct. 19 to 21, 2015, as part of an educational and cultural excursion.

Accompanying the group of enthusiastic 16- and 17-year-olds on their first school trip

to Saipan is school principal Shigeto Kitatani and eight teachers.

For many of the students, this will not only be their first overseas travel but is also a great opportunity to meet the people of Saipan and learn more about their customs and culture, plus a chance to use the English they have been learning in school over the past five years.

On their first day, the students will visit the American Memorial Park and watch a short film, before visiting Suicide Cliff

and Bird Island Lookout. The school's first visit to Saipan coincides with the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II, a fact not lost on the school as the students will present not only a memorial wreath and paper cranes at Banzai Cliff, but will also offer prayers for world peace.

The second day will enable the students to enjoy various marine activities and experience the beauty of Managaha Island. The Ikueinishi Junior & Senior High School is located in Nara Prefecture, which is surrounded by mountains, so this will be a rare opportunity for many of the students to participate in activities such as swimming, banana boat rides, parasailing, and snorkeling.

The final day will see the students enjoying a cultural exchange with students and teachers at Mount Carmel School's Culture Day. Throughout the day students will be able to communicate using English, and learn about one another's culture through games, sports, and various performances.

Though this will be a relatively short trip for the students and teachers of Ikueinishi Junior & Senior High School, it is hoped that through the relationships created with students and teachers of Mount Carmel School, this trip will become an annual event that will continue for years to come. **(PR)**

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Students of Mount Carmel School on Saipan interact with students of Ikueinishi Junior & Senior High School via Skype.



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Survivors, caregivers support meeting on Thursday

All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregivers are invited to the next Commonwealth Cancer Association monthly support meeting on Thursday, Oct. 15, 2015, starting at 5:30pm at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's Chamolinian Room. Guest speaker will be Debra Brownlee, who holds a Ph.D. in clinical psychology. The topic of her presentation is: "Compassion Fatigue." Brownlee currently serves at the Community Guidance Center as program manager for the development of a children's mental health system in the CNMI.

To RSVP or for more information, call CCA at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com or cca@ccamarianas.org. **(CCA)**

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With Docomo cable TV still

down due to Typhoon Soude-lor, KSPN2 News continues to broadcast on the radio and Internet. Tune in to Magic 100.3 at 6pm Monday to Friday. You can also watch the news broadcast online at www.kspn2.com. For a higher quality, more mobile-friendly option after 8pm, check out www.saipantv.com. **(PR)**

Dandan Middle School calendar

- Oct. 12: No classes, Commonwealth Day
- Oct. 16: Sengebau School Level Competition
- Oct. 17: First NJSDA meet at SAMS
- Oct. 23: October Newsletter will be sent out! & Education Day!
- Oct. 24: Math Court – 1st Meet
- Oct. 26 – 30: Final Exam Week!
- Oct. 27: PTSA Meeting
- Oct. 30: End of First Quarter **(PR)**

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TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT,
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YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is served upon you hereby, within twenty-one (21) days after the fourth publication of this Summons, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to THE LAW OFFICES OF MICHAEL A. WHITE, LLC, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Post Office Box 5222, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filling your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

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House speaker race is an opportunity for centrists

Now that the race for speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives has officially turned from muddled to chaotic, centrist Republicans—yes, they still exist—need to press their advantage. And Democrats might even want to help them.

Last month, outgoing Speaker John Boehner hoped to end what he called “leadership turmoil” in the Republican Party when he announced he was quitting. The favorite to succeed him, Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, dropped out of the race on Thursday after concluding that he was “not the one to unify the party.” A unifying figure may yet emerge, but that needn’t happen for the House to function effectively.

Party unity in a legislature is prized by partisans, of course. It’s less so by the American people, who overwhelmingly want a legislature that works. The leadership void in the House presents a rare opportunity for members of both parties who value bipartisanship to assert themselves.

The tea party-aligned House Freedom Caucus helped force McCarthy out of the race by uniting behind a renegade, Daniel Webster of Florida. Their victory leaves Republicans with a choice: They can line up behind Webster, or they can sue for peace and seek a compromise candidate.

Webster, who arrived in Congress in 2010 after having served as majority leader of the Florida Senate and speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, certainly has the experience to be speaker. But it’s uncertain whether he’ll prove acceptable to non-tea-party Republicans. Even if he is, if the caucus’s more moderate members hope to play a meaningful role under the next speaker, now is the time to flex their collective muscle.

The Republican Main Street Partnership, which bills itself as being “aligned with the governing wing of the Republican Party,” has more than 65 members, making it larger than the Freedom Caucus. If it can deliver all its votes, it can extract promises or concessions from the next speaker. They needn’t be extreme—merely committing to keep the government open would be progress. And if moderate Republicans wanted to up the ante, they could enlist Democrats to vote for their candidate.

Democrats have thus far said they intend to say out of the speaker’s race. In doing so, they are abiding by the tradition that the majority party chooses the speaker. But they are also heeding a rule of gamesmanship attributed to Napoleon: When your enemy is in the process of destroying himself, stay out of his way. Yet that approach risks leaving the House with a speaker who is even more hostile to bipartisan compromise than either Boehner or McCarthy.

If centrist Republicans can unite around a candidate—a big if—they have an opportunity to play kingmaker, and Democrats ought to be willing to be pawns (or even rooks) in that process. Yes, given the hardened battle lines on Capitol Hill, this is not likely. But it would be welcomed by a public hungry for a more cooperative Congress.

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Columbus Day

This is not a city celebration in Ohio, though it is safe to say that the capital city was named after the Genoa navigational explorer Cristoforo Colombo. Genoa at the time ran oblivious of a larger political configuration like today’s NYC.

Cristoforo was an ambitious admiral who made trips from Spain in search of a direct route to Asia across the Atlantic rather than rounding Africa’s Cape of Good Hope. He landed in the Caribbean in 1492 that schooling had me learn. He made three more trips in 10 years.

Columbus Day became a U.S. federal holiday in 1937; it was unofficially celebrated since 1906. It’s called Discovery Day in the Bahamas; *Giornata Nazionale* or *Fiesta Nazionale di Cristoforo Colombo* in Italy. It is *Día de la Hispanidad* in Spain, *Día de la Raza* in Latin America, *Día de las Américas* in Belize and Uruguay. Argentina calls it *Día del Respeto a la Diversidad Cultural*. It is now politically correct to point out that the Americas was already populated when the explorer heave-hoed into the Caribbean. English Pilgrims followed later so it is no accident that the northern part of the first 13 states is called New England!

Folks around the Mediterranean, a shade darker than the Goths and the Franks of Gaul, were Ellis Island material, often forced to Anglicize their names because the dyslexic immigration officer could not recognize them (a joke on both the racial span). The Jews (kikes, yikes) and the Italians (wops) were not exactly welcomed in NYC.

So, having a Dago celebrated in New England was an improvement over the Pilgrims who kept their fingers to the trigger on the Native Americans. Sailing under Spain’s monarch, Cristoforo Colombo was christened Christopher Columbus in the English New World and had his first day 1866 in NYC.

TT observed the second Monday of October as Columbus Day but it is now the CNMI’s Cultural Day, heretofore celebrating indigenous Carolinian and Chamorro cultures, two groups that historically vied for attention from the colonizers after a local revolt caused the forcible move of Chamorros to Guam and the eventual invitation for Carolinian survivors of a devastating typhoon to settle Saipan as long as they lent their canoes and navigational skill to the Saipan-Guam seaway before the schooner plied the route. Those who ruled subjected the ethnical and linguistic cousins, the Chamorro and Carolinian, to the “divide and conquer” method, keeping them apart.

CNMI demographics, however, changed but while the majority are contract workers from many countries, primarily the CWs of the Philippines and Sinosphere (China, Korea and Japan), with the Hawaiians and the other Pacific Islanders joining the Carolinian-

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Chamorros (*Chamolinian* is a *haole* coined word), the locals are only 3 out of 10 residents. But decision-making remains the same as they always have in the Marianas at the turn of the last century, and in the rest of Micronesia during the TT period. The U.S. military sets the tune, the Department of the Interior keeps the front office, and we all dance.

That’s right, the U.S. military with the assistance of the Department of Homeland Security calls the shots, and legally so. For those who comment that the U.S. military takes advantage of local myopia, they are not completely inaccurate. The educated class danced to the U.S. military tune. They hum it on numerous transactions, in business and politics, smart enough to take advantage of their privileged position.

The islands as a strategic military location is what caused Uncle Sam to pay a lease, then encouraged the CNMI to join the union. I resided in the Marshalls and Guam a good four years before Reagan declared blanket citizenship on the CNMI in ‘86, more than 10 years after it voted to join the union in ‘75.

Tinian turning into a live fire training area with two-thirds of the geography under lease to the military, and Pagan as a live fire training ground are anticipated in the lease agreement long before the indigenous population was sophisticated enough to look after its own interests.

With the CNMI of the U.S. territories contributing a huge number of personnel into active military duty—the Armed Forces being one of two major venues for upward mobility—our indigenes supports the military. It is now perceived by awakened locals and anti-military outsiders (the Pentagon just told Obama to retire and it will continue to secure Afghanistan against policy) to resist the active militarization of the islands, a salute hard to execute.

Cristoforo Colombo on Columbus Day and the CNMI’s Cultural Day are of no meaningful significance anymore. We do acknowledge that the charade of commenting on the EIS, as far as the command is concerned, is irrelevant, like CC of CC day. IMHO.

‘With reason and decorum’

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board director David Sablan Jr. hit the nail on the head when he urged that discussions of important CUC issues, such as personnel hiring, be done “with reason and decorum.”

Fellow CUC board directors and the rest of CNMI appointed and elected officials should heed Sablan’s suggestion, which is not only common sense but is included in rules, policies, and laws governing the proper conduct of meetings by those in public offices.

Trying not to be outsmarted, the other CUC board members fired back with responses that were not only unreasonable and unbecoming of public officials, but also defied logic.

Trying to quell the tension or save the board from further embarrassment in the eyes of the public during last week’s board meeting, CUC board chair Adelina Roberto tried to continue the discussion in an executive session.

Sablan is not only among the most qualified—if not the “only” truly qualified—member of the CUC board of directors when it comes to relevant experience in making policy decisions in running a utility agency, requisite skills, educational background, and mainly because of these, he knows what he’s doing and knows what he’s talking about to help CUC and the CNMI. And he stands for what’s right and reasonable.

If only the Inos administration hired more reasonable and knowledgeable members like Sablan, perhaps the CUC board will be of much greater relevance and help to the CNMI.

What’s the point of reviving a CUC board that creates more problems than offers solutions?

Sablan is among the first ones to be appointed by the Inos administration last year to revive the CUC board after a nine-year hiatus. Among other things, Sablan is a former chairman of the Guam

Power Authority board that helped reverse load shedding in the early ‘90s and helped develop a 20-year GPA resource plan. He is also the state chair for the Guam-CNMI Committee of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve or ESGR.

His fellow CUC board members unseated him as chairman for still unclear reasons.

Back to last week’s CUC board meeting. Sablan questioned his fellow board members’ decision to open up five new positions each on Tinian and Rota and two for Saipan. He called for a cost-benefit analysis to be completed first to determine the 12 positions’ long-term need.

For raising valid points, Sablan was attacked and blamed for being absent when the board discussed in August the new positions in the aftermath of Typhoon Soudelor, which knocked down power services on Saipan.

But for Rota and Tinian, is there an increase in power generation or revenue-generating capacity that would warrant the “need” for more hiring?

“Madame chair, any discussion we have on this issues must be had with reason and decorum. You are attacking me because I am trying to be reasonable about how we spend our funds here at CUC. You people are just trying to hire people left and right. It seems like [that] is the most priority for you rather the system and that has to be addressed,” Sablan said.

Again the response was not whether there’s an increase in both power generation and revenue, but because the positions have “already been advertised” and should therefore move forward.

That’s from CUC board member Alberto Taitano of Rota, the same person who made a motion in August (when Sablan was absent) to hire Velma Palacios to a top management position, drawing

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flak from counsel, management and the public.

“This discussion is over, it’s done.” That’s from CUC board member Eric San Nicolas of Tinian, who said Tinian has hotel-casino developments, at a time when Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino is barely surviving and where the power plant is run by a private contractor.

Sablan, in response, said he still has the floor, invoking “Robert’s Rules,” the recognized guide to running meetings and conferences effectively and fairly.

Let’s just hope CUC board members will at least start trying to discuss issues with civility, respect and good amount of reason.

But then again, the CUC board does not have the monopoly of on-the-record statements and remarks during official discussions in the CNMI that lack reason, civility, and decorum.

Who would forget about “Screw you” or “Mr. Chairman, I want you to shut up and let me finish what I’m doing” at a Senate public hearing on some of the governor’s nominees during a previous Legislature?

Or the “Drink milk” or “Stupid people” remarks by a former governor?

Servant leadership alive and well on Saipan

Servant leadership is a term that is often bandied about but in many quarters it exists more as a goal and aspiration than as a standard mode of behavior or actual way of life. The phrase was initiated by Robert K. Greenleaf, who authored several essays on defining what a servant leader is all about and considered the founder of the movement in the United States. Greenleaf defines it in this manner: “It begins with the natural feeling that one wants to serve, to serve first...caring for persons, the more able and the less able serving each other, is the rock upon which a good society is built.” The goal, according to Greenleaf is to make the world a better place. Hawaii resident Kent Keith, who served as the CEO of the Greenleaf Center for Servant Leadership in Indiana in his book, *The Case For Servant Leadership*, puts it this way: “A servant leader loves people and wants to help them. The mission of the servant leader is therefore to identify and meet the needs of others. Loving and helping others gives a servant leader meaning and satisfaction in life.”

I recently read another excellent new book on the importance of ethics and morals in shaping one’s personality and outlook titled *The Road To Character* by *New York Times* columnist and author David Brooks. To develop a good character, Brooks urges us to follow the admonition of a person he refers to as Adam II who is all about sacrificing “self in the service of others. He not only wants to do good but to be good. His motto is charity, love and redemption.” Adam I is the complete antithesis—he is consumed with personal achievement, worldly praise and reward and his motto is success, oftentimes at the expense of others.

I couldn’t help but reflect on the hundreds of good deeds and community service being done during the last several weeks to help the people of CNMI recover from one of the worst typhoons to hit this region in a long time. Certainly to their credit government agencies, relief organizations, businesses, and churches have stepped up big time to render aid. And it was heartwarming to see assistance come readily and willingly from friends, family, and loved ones who reside in places like Guam, the Philippines, Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, among others. To see the countless acts of kindness emanating from within was extraordinary, commendable, and worth noting for it would have been expected and excusable for most of the citizenry to take time out to tend exclusively to their personal needs. They could have cited fatigue, weariness, and depression to refrain from soldiering for the cause and to simply pass the buck to someone else to be that servant leader. But that definitely was not the case from what I gathered and observed on Saipan. I know Keith and Brooks (Greenleaf has passed away) would be impressed by the number of Adam II types that have burst onto the scene “who want to serve” and “meet the needs of others” to make the Northern Marianas “a better place.”

I point to the actions of the two classes of Pacific Century Fellows, a group of young servant leaders, as a microcosm of what’s been happening all over the Commonwealth. The 2015 Fellows mastered the art of collaboration by partnering with key organizations and agencies to transport to Saipan four 20-40 foot containers filled with food, water, equipment, and supplies and took the lead in making sure these precious and vital items and materials were delivered on a timely basis to the villages. They were quick to dispense kudos and

acknowledgments to their fellow collaborators; the Ayuda Foundation Guam, Department of Education Guam, United Airlines, Salvation Army, Guam Memorial Hospital Pink Ladies, TakeCare Guam, BankPacific, Staywell Insurance, Matson Navigation, CMS, CTSI Logistics, Saipan Shipping, Seabridge, the Filipino Community in Guam, the Commonwealth Health Center’s Home Visit Program and the scores of Guamanians who have provided non-stop support for Saipan’s desires and needs. In the spirit of reciprocity, Ed Arriola, a PCF 2015 member who organized the four shipments, vows to “give back to Guam in any way we can.” A beautiful video capturing this exemplary collaboration can be viewed on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6B1CXX5Wb4Q&sns=em>.

A further example of collaboration was the joint effort with the 2014 PCF class to support the inaugural Pacific Century Fellows - Marianas Chapter 5K Run recently to raise funds to help Project Ayudu. The same pattern of collaboration was followed with numerous sponsors coming forward to donate some quality gifts and merchandise. Over 300 individuals participated, which exceeded expectations and prompted Jackie Che, a PCF 2014 alumna, to remark: “We hope to continue this every year and contribute to the community.” It also drew an immediate gracious response from Tan Holdings and Tan Siu Lin Foundation executive Jerry Tan, who started Project Ayudu with a goal of raising \$150,000 to revitalize and restore homes and lives that were obliterated by the recent typhoon through the sale of artfully designed T-shirts. According to Tan, three-fourths of the 10,000 shirts have already been sold with the prospect of selling the shirts in Guam and Hawaii to help take them over the top. Knowing Tan and his reputation of always getting the job done, it

MARIANAS MATTERS

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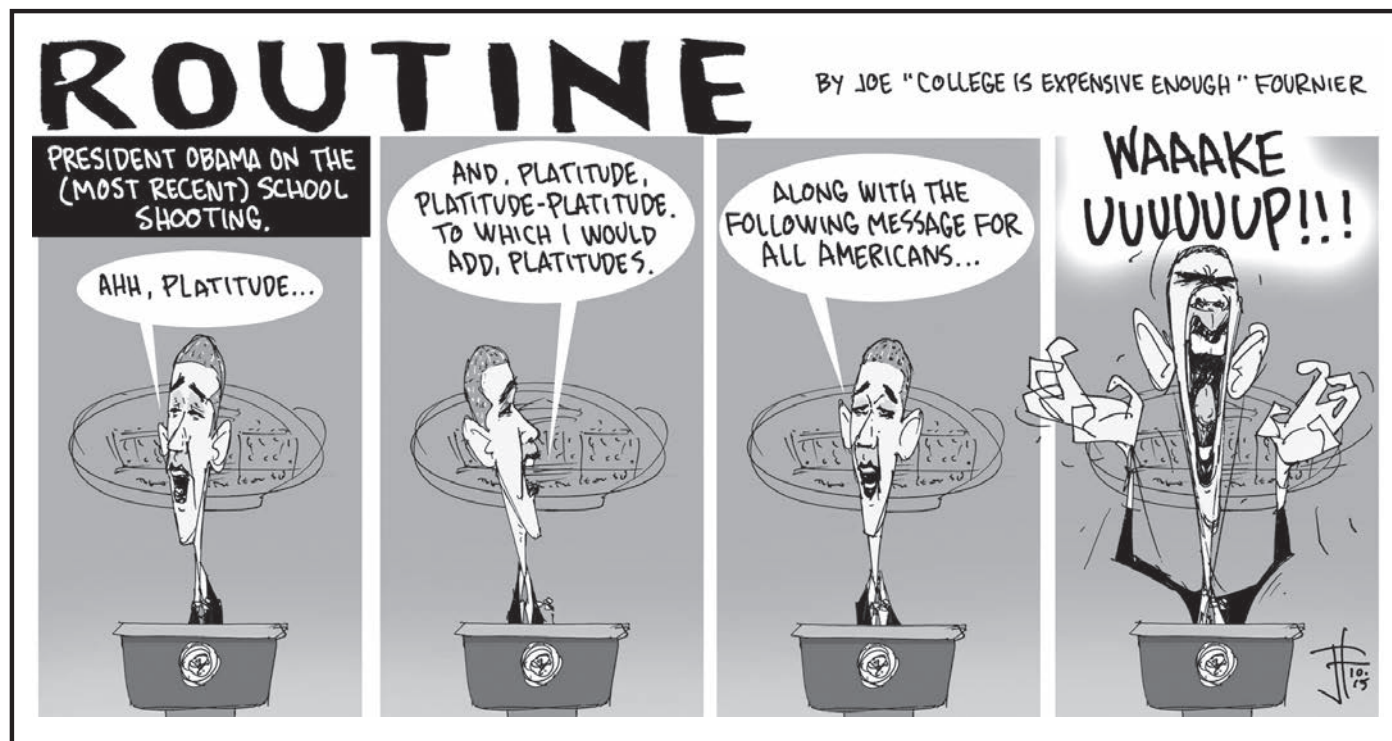


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will not surprise me to see him surpass his goal.






Time and space will not permit me to extoll and elaborate on other examples of servant leadership, such as the Raise the Roof fundraiser, initiatives stemming from groups like CNMI CARE, the hospitality industry or from the Chamber and business community at large, the ongoing assistance of Gov. Calvo and GovGuam, actions by other young leaders like the Marianas Young Professionals, and Congressman Kili Sablan’s yeoman efforts to identify every source of federal funds from Washington.

The net effect of all these acts of “good character” is that there is a great deal of admiration and respect that has emerged that will benefit the Commonwealth in more ways than one going forward. I subscribe to a religious doctrine that suggests sometimes we are tested in such a way that our humility through the grace of God helps turn our weaknesses into strengths. Gov. Eloy S. Inos describes this conviction aptly: “Pole by pole, brick by brick, we will be stronger than we were yesterday, and together, stand as a community prepared for any and every calamity in our way.”

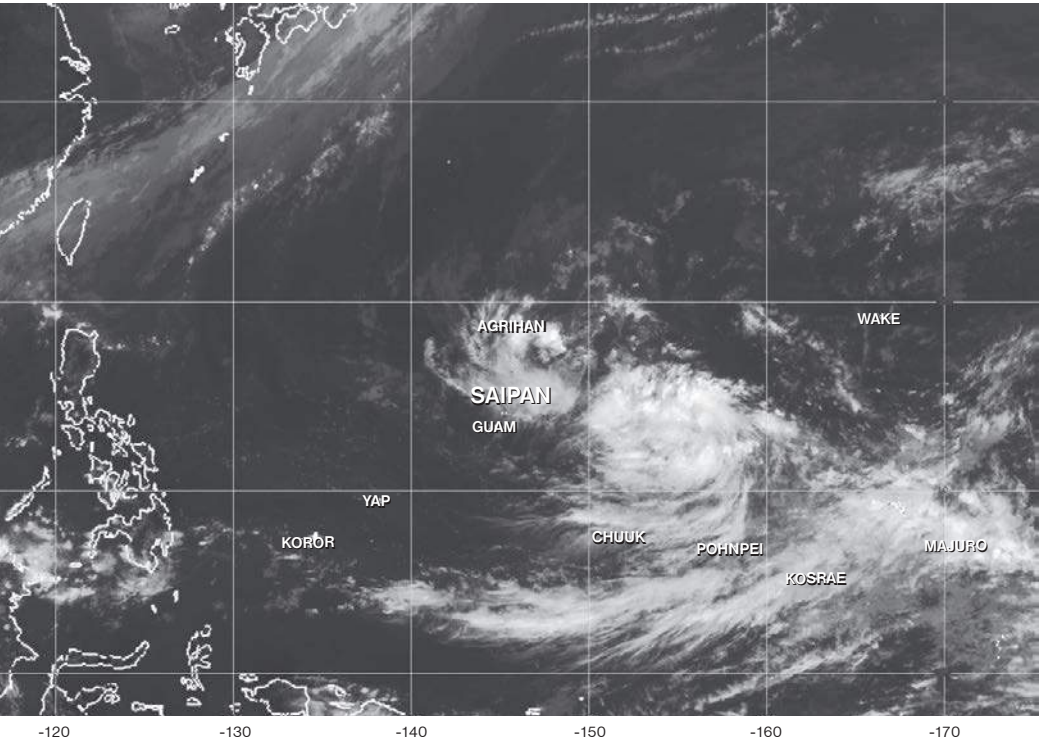


The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 Partly sunny with isolated showers and thunderstorms. North winds 10 to 15 mph.	 Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Northwest winds around 10 mph.	 Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	 Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Breezy during the day.	 Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Breezy during the day.
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Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2015

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough stretches east-southeastward from the central Philippines across 13N130E through a broad circulation centered northeast of Pohnpei at 11N163E to beyond the date line at 9N. Converging winds south of the trough and circulation are generating widely scattered to scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms south of Koror, Yap and southwest of Chuuk within 80 miles of a line from 5N139E to 4N150E and also over Chuuk, Pohnpei and Kosrae between the equator and 10N from 150E to 167E. Widely scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are seen near the trough over much of the Marshall Islands between 7N and 12N from 167E to 180. A surface trough extends northwestward from the circulation northeast of Pohnpei to end southwest of Minami Tori Shima at 22N150E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found near these features within 235 miles of a line from 10N159E to 22N154E.

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Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲ 85	▼ 77
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲ 86	▼ 79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 86	▼ 78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 86	▼ 79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 87	▼ 77
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 86	▼ 79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲ 84	▼ 80

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Windy	▲ 67	▼ 52
Beijing	Sunny	▲ 78	▼ 48
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲ 81	▼ 74
Honolulu	Showers	▲ 87	▼ 76
London	Mostly Sunny	▲ 59	▼ 43
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	▲ 93	▼ 72
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 91	▼ 75
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲ 70	▼ 49
Miami	Mostly Sunny	▲ 89	▼ 70
New York	Sunny	▲ 74	▼ 61
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲ 72	▼ 54
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲ 62	▼ 40
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲ 62	▼ 40
Rome	Sunny	▲ 74	▼ 58
Salem	Sunny	▲ 74	▼ 49
San Francisco	Sunny	▲ 78	▼ 62
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲ 72	▼ 50
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Sunrise/Sunset		
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Tuesday	6:08 AM	5:58 PM
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Thursday	6:09 AM	5:57 PM
Friday	6:09 AM	5:57 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
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UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA5039	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA5039	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5038	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA5038	12:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA5078	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA5077	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA5072	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA5079	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
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ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5039	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA5038	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)				PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6	DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL297	4:30pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:30am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
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7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 3, 6, 7	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	4, 5	OZ625	8:20pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
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UA5070/183	4:15am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM	PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
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Palau president: Time for global action on climate change

SUVA, Fiji—Globally renowned for his environmental action, Palau President Tommy Remengesau Jr. is repeating his call for urgent global action on climate change as his country embarks on implementing the Palau Climate Change Policy for Climate and Disaster Resilient Low Emissions Development.

Over the past three years, Palau's government agencies, civil society and the private sector have worked proactively to complete this policy, which has as its vision "Happy, healthy, sustainable and resilient communities in a changing world."

The policy's development was supported by the European Union through the Secretariat of the Pacific Community and its Global Climate Change Alliance: Pacific Small Island States project; the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development through

the Coping with Climate Change in the Pacific Islands Region program; and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

In his recent address to the United Nations General Assembly during the UN Summit for the Adoption of the Post-2015 Development Agenda in New York, Remengesau stressed "there is still time to tackle climate change, the greatest challenge of our times, all countries and all people have a role to play in building a more sustainable future."

Advancing Climate Action is Goal 13 of the Sustainable Development Goals, calling for urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts including measures such as integrating climate change into national



Remengesau Jr.

policies, strategies and planning.

"In Palau, we are working hard to do our part and to take those next steps that will define our future. We have committed to provide 20 percent of our energy through renewable resources by 2020 and are already three quarters of the way there. We have also committed to become carbon neutral by 2050. Within this context, we have finalized a comprehensive Climate Change Policy," Remengesau said at the UN Summit.

The Palau Climate Change Policy addresses climate change adaptation; management of greenhouse gas emissions, including carbon sinks; and disaster risk management.

In commending the Government of Palau on completing

this policy, the Director-General of the Pacific Community, Dr. Colin Tukuitonga, said such proactive action by Pacific nations was essential, given climate change is a real threat to the livelihoods and sustainable development of Pacific people.

"Our region is at the sharp end of the climate crisis, despite the very small contribution of people in Palau and elsewhere in the Pacific Islands region to global emissions of harmful greenhouse gases. Appropriate adaptation and mitigation mechanisms can be developed when we understand the science and apply our local and traditional knowledge," Tukuitonga said.

Underpinning the policy is a five-year action plan identifying and prioritizing interventions covering 10 objectives including governance, health and critical infrastructure, and costing around \$500 million. The gov-

ernment is exploring domestic and international financing arrangements.

Charlene Mersai, the chief environmental planner of the Office of Environmental Response and Coordination, used the words of an African proverb to describe the extensive consultative process underpinning the policy development: "If you want to go quickly, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."

"The policy is country driven and country owned. More than 150 individuals from communi-

ties and civil society, private sector, and government agencies participated in a series of consultations culminating in a National Consultative Workshop and a Leadership Forum in 2015, where the policy received overwhelming support," she explained.

"The success of the Palau Climate Change Policy lies in its implementation and Palau, with its strong and diverse capacities is looking forward to building a strong and secure future even in the face of a changing world," said Remengesau. (SPC)

High surf advisory in effect

Based on information received from the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, and compiled at the CNMI Emergency Operations center, a long-period north swell will maintain hazardous surf through Sunday.

A high surf advisory is now in effect until 6pm today, Monday. Expect hazardous surf of 8 to

10 feet along north facing reefs diminishing to between 6 and 8 feet by Monday afternoon.

The public and mariners are being advised to avoid venturing into the water along exposed reefs and beaches especially those facing north as rip currents will be life threatening. (HSEM)



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Business

Oregon pot stores sell more than \$11M in first 5 days

SALEM, Ore. (AP)—Retailers sold more than \$11 million of marijuana during Oregon's first week of legal recreational sales, outpacing the early business done in other states that have legalized pot, according to the Oregon Retailers of Cannabis Association.

Oregon retailers had sales of \$3.5 million by the end of opening day, Casey Houlihan, executive director of the association, told the Statesman Journal (<http://is.gd/6L3fPc>). By contrast, Colorado's first week of sales reached \$5 million. In Washington, sales during the first month hit \$2 million.

Under the state law approved by Oregon voters last year, possession of marijuana in limited

quantities has been permitted since July 1.

But there was no legal way to buy it until Oct. 1. Pot shops that already sell medical marijuana made big plans for the historic day, with some opening just after midnight.

One reason Oregon posted stronger early sales was the existing medical marijuana infrastructure. More than 250 medical marijuana dispensaries in Oregon have told the state they will sell to recreational customers. By contrast, Colorado had 24 stores on Day 1. Washington had just four, and a year later, still has fewer than Oregon.

Oregon also has a robust supply of marijuana that's grown to support medical marijuana us-

ers and the black market. Companies have invested in massive warehouses in Portland to grow the drug indoors, and southern Oregon has some of the nation's best conditions for outdoor cultivation of marijuana.

Growers don't face strict regulations yet, so the supply can more easily flow into retail stores than it did in Washington and Colorado.

Houlihan says shops are seeing customers coming back to pot after years of not smoking it.

"They're telling me that customers lining up are in many cases 50 to 65 and haven't purchased marijuana in decades, but they're just happy to have the opportunity to do so," he said.

Finance officials to clamp down on multinational tax evasion

LIMA, Peru (AP)—Finance officials from the world's 20 biggest economies have committed to toughening laws and boosting cross-border cooperation to prevent multinational companies from avoiding as much as \$250 billion a year in taxes.

The unanimous agreement was announced Friday in Peru's capital on the sidelines of the International Monetary Fund's annual meeting. The plan, to be presented to heads of state for approval next month at a Group of 20 summit in Turkey, seeks to address concerns about whether

large companies such as Apple and Google are paying their fair amount of taxes.

The 15-point action plan was drafted by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in consultation with more than 100 countries. It seeks to eliminate so-called "tax shopping" for most-favorable rates, profit shifting and a host of other strategies estimated to cost between 4 and 10 percent of global corporate income tax annually.

"This isn't about whether you have high taxes or low taxes, it's about whether you're paying

your taxes," said British Finance Minister George Osborne.

Angel Gurría, secretary general of the OECD, said the plan's implementation will be key given the wide range of capacities and resources of tax authorities around the world. To that end, Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew said the U.S. is doubling funding to help developing countries improve their technical expertise.

"This isn't just to ensure sustainability of public finances but recover the trust of our citizens who are coping with economic hardship," said Gurría.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Thousands demonstrate in Germany against EU-US trade deal

BERLIN (AP)—Tens of thousands of people marched through downtown Berlin on Saturday to protest a planned trans-Atlantic free trade pact. Police said around 100,000 took part in the demonstration, while organizers claimed 250,000 turned out, banging on drums, chanting slogans and waving signs and flags opposing the Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, or TTIP. Germany's government has pushed the deal, saying it will boost the global economy and give smaller and mid-sized companies a better chance at competing on the world market while reducing bureaucracy. Protesters, organized by the Confederation of German Trade Unions, known by its acronym DGB, worry that an agreement could lower food safety standards and undermine local regulations by giving international arbitration panels the power to rule over disputes. One float in the protest showed Chancellor Angela Merkel lighting the fuse of a bomb while sitting on a building labeled "Democracy." The European Union and United States have been negotiating since 2013 on TTIP and supporters hope it will gain momentum now that the U.S., Japan and other Pacific Rim nations have reached an agreement on a separate trade deal.

Irish banker at center of scandal arrested in Massachusetts

BOSTON (AP)—A man at the center of an Irish banking scandal has been arrested in Massachusetts. The U.S. Marshals Service and the U.S. attorney's office say federal agents arrested former Irish banking executive David Drumm on Saturday on an extradition warrant. They didn't specify where Drumm was arrested or what charges he faces. He is scheduled to appear Tuesday in federal court in Boston. The 48-year-old Drumm was once one of Ireland's most powerful and wealthy bankers. He was chief executive of the Anglo Irish Bank in September 2008 when its finances unraveled in the global financial meltdown. He left his post that year after disclosures that the bank's chairman, Sean FitzPatrick, had received \$115 million in hidden loans from the bank. Drumm fled to the Boston area in 2009 amid inquiries from Irish authorities. He later filed for bankruptcy.

Agency cuts Catalonia's credit rating amid political tension

MADRID (AP)—Uncertainty over Catalonia's political future is set to hurt the independence-minded Spanish region's public finances after an international agency lowered its credit rating. Standard & Poor's downgraded Catalonia's rating from BB to BB- due to the "nascent tensions" between the region and the central government in Madrid. S&P said in a statement late Friday it maintained a "negative outlook" for Catalonia because the political controversy could make it hard for the region to borrow money. It also noted that the northeastern region, which represents nearly a fifth of Spain's economic output, has a high debt load and a poor budgetary performance. A pro-independence alliance won most votes in a Catalonia regional ballot last month, fueling the secessionist drive. Spain has ruled out any possibility of Catalonia becoming independent.

Nation

Reports: Officer's shooting of boy with pellet gun justified

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—Prosecutors investigating the death of a 12-year-old black boy who was fatally shot by a white Cleveland police officer say they are just trying to be transparent in seeking and sharing outside reviews by experts in use of force. A lawyer for the boy's family, however, says the outside reports finding that the shooting was justified show that prosecutors are avoiding accountability.

The reports were released Saturday night by the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office, which asked for the outside reviews as it presents evidence to a grand jury that will ultimately determine whether Timothy Loehmann will be charged in the November death of Tamir Rice, who was holding a pellet gun.

A retired FBI agent and a Denver prosecutor both found that the rookie patrolman who shot Tamir moments after pulling up beside him exercised a reasonable use of force because he had reason to perceive the boy—described in a 911 call as man waving and pointing a gun—as a serious threat.

"We are not reaching any conclusions from these reports," Prosecutor Timothy J. McGinty said in a statement.



In this Oct. 2, 2015, file photo, Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Timothy McGinty speaks during a news conference at police headquarters, in Cleveland. AP

"The gathering of evidence continues, and the grand jury will evaluate it all."

He said the reports, which included a technical reconstruction by the Ohio State Highway Patrol, were released in the interest of being "as public and transparent as possible."

Subodh Chandra, a lawyer for the Rice family, said the release of the reports shows the prosecutor is avoiding accountability, which is what the family seeks.

"It is now obvious that the prosecutor's office has been on a 12-month quest to avoid providing that accountability," he said. He added that

the prosecutor's office didn't provide his office or the Rice family with the details from the reports. He also questioned the timing of the release, at 8 p.m. Saturday on the Columbus Day holiday weekend.

"To get so-called experts to assist in the whitewash—when the world has the video of what happened—is all the more alarming," Chandra said. "Who will speak for Tamir before the grand jury? Not the prosecutor, apparently."

The killing of Tamir has become part of a national outcry about minorities, especially black boys and men, dying during encounters with police.

Spirit of family reunion marks Million Man March anniversary

WASHINGTON (AP)—Black men and women joyously returned to the National Mall on Saturday for the 20th anniversary of the Million Man March, calling for changes in policing and in black communities amid an atmosphere almost like a family reunion.

Waving flags, carrying signs and listening to speeches and songs, people mingled as they wove their way through security barricades and around loudspeakers and souvenir vendors at the U.S. Capitol and down the Mall on a sunny, breezy day.

For some, it was a return to Washington after the Million Man March on Oct. 16, 1995, and a chance to expose their children to the same positive experience the first march represented to them.

"This is a very special moment for me. Twenty years ago, I was by myself," said Joey Davis, 47, of Detroit, who was setting up chairs for his family near the Capitol's reflecting pool. "And 20 years later, I come back with my wife and five children. And so I like to think that over the last 20 years I've been doing my

part in keeping the promise of the spirit of the original Million Man March."

Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan, who spearheaded the original march, called the anniversary gathering the "Justice or Else" march. Many speakers asked the crowd to chant that slogan during the day.

Farrakhan, in a wide-ranging speech that lasted for more than 2 hours, called for more responsibility in the black community for inner-city killings and for the government to investigate recent high-profile killings of unarmed African-American men and women.

"There must come a time when we say enough is enough," the 82-year-old Farrakhan said.

Attention has been focused on the deaths of unarmed black men since the shootings of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin in 2012 in Florida and 18-year-old Michael Brown in 2014 in Ferguson, Missouri. Deaths of unarmed black males at the hands of law enforcement officers have inspired protests under the "Black Lives

Matter" moniker around the country.

Members of their families and the family of Sandra Bland, an African-American woman found hanged in a Texas jail after a traffic stop, spoke from the main stage.

The original march brought hundreds of thousands to Washington to pledge to improve their lives, their families and their communities. Women, whites and other minorities were not invited to the original march, but organizers welcomed all on Saturday.

President Barack Obama, who attended the first Million Man March, was in California on Saturday.

Saturday's march brought out young and old, including some veterans of the 1963 March on Washington. Nate Smith of Oakland, California, who was on the Mall for Martin Luther King's "I Have A Dream" speech and the 1995 Million Man March, returned once again for Saturday's proceedings.

"It's something that I need to do," the 70-year-old man said. "It's like a pilgrimage for me, and something I think all black people need to do."

More rain a setback for soggy state standing up to flooding

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)—Heavy rain returned to parts of South Carolina on Saturday as thousands continued digging out and cleaning up from last weekend’s deluge that left behind disastrous flooding. Here’s a look at developments Saturday in the still-evolving disaster:

MORE RAIN

 ACROSS THE NATION

Secret Service agent who saved Reagan after shooting dies

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Secret Service agent credited with saving President Ronald Reagan’s life on the day he was shot outside a Washington hotel has died. The retired agent, Jerry Parr of Washington, District of Columbia, died Friday at the age of 85. Parr was in charge of Reagan’s detail on March 30, 1981, when a young man with mental problems, John Hinckley Jr., shot the president outside the Washington Hilton. When the shots rang out, Parr pushed Reagan inside the presidential limousine and it sped away for the White House. After Reagan complained of chest pains and showed blood on his lips, Parr redirected the limousine to George Washington Hospital. As it turned out, Reagan had been hit in the chest and was bleeding internally. Doctors later said that any delay would have cost the president his life. In a statement Friday, former first lady Nancy Reagan called Parr “one of my true heroes.” Secret Service Director Joseph Clancy said Parr’s actions “preserved the institution of the Office of the Presidency.” “Every Secret Service agent was well aware of what he did for not only the Secret Service, but more importantly, his country,” Clancy wrote in a statement on Saturday.

NYC, state reach deal on mass transit capital funding

NEW YORK (AP)—A deal has finally been struck to fund the New York City region’s mass transit capital spending program, ensuring that vitally needed infrastructure upgrades—including repairs to damage wrought by Superstorm Sandy—will be underwritten for the next five years. The \$26.1 billion agreement to fund the Metropolitan Transportation Authority was jointly announced Saturday by Gov. Andrew Cuomo and Mayor Bill de Blasio, who had spent weeks sniping at each other about the city’s contribution as the Oct. 28 deadline to adopt the plan loomed. In the end, the city upped its offer late this week to \$2.5 billion. The state is contributing \$8.3 billion and the rest is made up of pre-existing dedicated revenue streams. Both men released statements stressing the importance of the MTA - de Blasio called it “the backbone” of the region’s economy, while Cuomo opted for “the lifeblood of New York”—and

Thunder, lightning and a couple of inches of extra rain spread across storm-torn Columbia. While smaller creeks were likely to swell again, the precipitation wasn’t expected to add to the flooding of major rivers and lakes, Gov. Nikki Haley said. “It’s an anthill compared to what we’ve been through,” she said.

praising the deal, which features the city’s largest contribution to the capital fund.

First lady christens Navy submarine named after Illinois

GROTON, Conn. (AP)—First lady Michelle Obama christened a Navy submarine at a Connecticut shipyard on Saturday, taking three whacks to break a bottle of champagne against the hull of the USS Illinois and thanking military families for their sacrifice. “So I want to take a moment to thank you all for everything that you’re doing for each other and for this country,” she said. “I know these service members, these sailors couldn’t do what they do without you.” Mrs. Obama also praised the workers at the Groton shipyard and their “particular genius” in building the sub. The \$2.7 billion vessel is the 13th in the Virginia class of submarines, which can carry out a range of missions including anti-submarine warfare, delivery of special forces and surveillance. The 377-foot submarine will carry a crew of more than 130 and a payload of weapons including torpedoes and Tomahawk missiles. Mrs. Obama called the submarine a “technological wonder.” “It is full of technologies like a photonics mast, full of high-resolution and infrared cameras,” she said. “It has the most advanced stealth, sonar and communications systems and enough high-definition screens to put Best Buy out of business.”

Protesters gather to hold anti-Islam rally at Phoenix mosque

PHOENIX (AP)—About 200 protesters gathered in front of a mosque Saturday afternoon to demonstrate against Islam as part of a nationwide campaign that went largely unheeded. KTAR radio reports that the protesters in Phoenix held a rally in front of the Islamic Community Center. The rally appeared to be the most significant in size in the country after a call for protests against Islam in America this weekend. Usama Shami, president of the Islamic Community Center, says rally organizers are displaying their bigotry. Rally organizer John Ritzheimer says he is not against Muslims, but he is against what he calls their ideology. He led a rally at the mosque in May after two former congregants were killed when they tried to attack an anti-Islam event in Texas.

The flooding has caused 20 dams to burst and nearly 100 more are being monitored to make sure they hold, Haley said. Saturday’s rainfall brought October’s total precipitation in the capital to 12.75 inches—breaking the previous record of 12 inches in 1959—with 21 days left in the month, the National Weather Service said. The city had gotten 1.25 inches of rain between midnight and mid-afternoon Saturday, weather service spokesman Al Moore said, with up to 2 inches in the western Piedmont. More showers were expected overnight, he said.

TIME TO MOVE

Debra Prior left her home outside Georgetown with the help of an amphibious vehicle after the roads around her became impass-

able. She said it was hard to see her neighborhood emptying out. “These are people that you have grown up with and they have been here for years. And we have never experienced anything like this in our life,” she said. The worst of the coastal area’s flooding appeared to be over after the Black River crested overnight and water levels dropped 5 inches, Georgetown County spokeswoman Jackie Broach said Saturday. The nearby Waccamaw River crested Friday and began to recede.

STILL CAN’T MOVE

About 13 miles of Interstate 95, one of the East Coast’s main highways linking Maine to Florida, remained closed, forcing long-distance travelers to take a 168-mile detour

through Columbia. The problem is with about 18 small bridges over the Black and Pocotaligo rivers and surrounding swampland in Clarendon County, state Transportation Secretary Christy Hall said. A contractor was expected to start work Saturday shoring up washed-out foundations under some of the bridges, Hall said. There was no estimate when the stretch of interstate, which normally carries an average of 30,000 vehicles a day, could reopen. In the meantime, travelers who would normally drive 74 miles between Interstate 26 to Interstate 20 must take a 168-mile detour.

HELPING WHERE THEY CAN

J.T. Pollack was one of more

than 150 volunteers who spread across Columbia on Saturday to help those whose homes were damaged or destroyed in the storm. Pollack had been gutting waterlogged houses for two days to help restore hope to his community. “My friends lost their cars, their homes were damaged. I’ve never been through anything like this,” the 27-year-old volunteer with Operation Blessing said. Pollack joined a dozen other volunteers at the home of an elderly couple whose home was engulfed in a foot of water. Jan Hulbert, whose husband suffers from blood cancer, began to cry as she talked about the volunteers helping her dispose of the debris and sift through files, heirlooms and water-damaged belongings.

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- Is employed at a facility at which the employer has made a general announcement that such facility close within 180 days; or
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(B) is unemployed or underemployed and is experiencing difficulty in obtaining or upgrading employment.

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- Is the spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty (as defined in section 101(d)(1) of title 10, United States Code), and who has experienced a loss of employment as a direct result of relocation to accommodate a permanent change in duty station of such member; or
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Asia

Kim Jong Un vows N. Korea ready to counter any US threat

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP)—North Korean leader Kim Jong Un took center stage at a military parade and mass rally in Pyongyang on Saturday to mark the 70th anniversary of the country's ruling party by declaring in a rare speech that the North has no intention of straying from the socialist track established by his grandfather and is ready to stand up to any threat posed by the United States.

With the eyes of the world upon him, Kim, the youngest and most enigmatic head of state, confidently and firmly delivered the speech from the balcony of the palatial People's Grand Study House as tens of thousands of his countrymen and an unusually large international media contingent watched from their places below on the capital's iconic Kim Il Sung Square.

To punctuate his rhetoric, thousands of goose-stepping troops, tanks, armored vehicles,



AP
North Korean soldiers parade through Kim Il Sung Square with their missiles and rockets during a mass military parade, Saturday, Oct. 10, 2015, in Pyongyang, North Korea.

cards to spell out Kim's name.

As the parade ended, Kim waved to the crowd and raised clasped hands with Liu.

The afternoon rally, delayed by heavy rains the night before that required extensive mopping up of the square, was followed by torchlight rally and fireworks display. The finale was a concert on a special stage set up on a river running through central Pyongyang. Tickets for foreigners hoping to attend the concert were going for 100 euros (\$114) a pop.

Altogether, it was the most elaborate spectacle North Korea has feted since Kim assumed power after the death of his father, Kim Jong Il, in late 2011.

Though military parades fell out of fashion for about a decade starting in the 1990s, Saturday's was somewhat more elaborate than a similar anniversary event held two years ago, an indication that rolling tanks and missiles through the center of the capital is still seen by the North Korean government as an attention-getting way of showing the world and its own people the Kim dynasty is firmly in control and its military a power to be reckoned with.

But, reflecting North Korea's international isolation, no world leaders were present.

Liu, the No. 5 leader in the Chinese Communist party, was the most senior foreign dignitary, though Cuba, Vietnam and other countries sent delegations. Kim has yet to make state visit abroad—his highest-profile visitor to date was former NBA star Dennis Rodman—and he chose not to attend recent anniversary ceremonies held by his country's two closest allies, Russia and China.

With Hindu party leading India, beef grows more political

NEW DELHI (AP)—The legislator was full of outrage when he arrived in the north Indian village days after the killing of a Muslim farmer who was rumored to have slaughtered cows. A Hindu mob had smashed through the heavy wooden door to the man's home, then beat him to death with his wife's sewing machine.

The legislator's anger, though, was not about the killing. Instead, Sangeet Som was furious that men had been arrested in the attack in the village, just 30 miles from New Delhi. Som, a member of India's ruling Bharatiya Janata Party, called the arrests "atrocities on innocent villagers." As

for the family of the dead man, he dismissed them as "those cow killers."

A few days later, a half-dozen BJP politicians slapped around a legislator on the floor of a state legislature, angry that he had served beef at a party. In southern India, six members of a leftist student political party were suspended after their attempt to serve beef curry on campus to protest the farmer's killing set off a melee. On Friday, violence swept another northern village amid rumors that a cow had been slaughtered, with a crowd, who had chased down two Muslim men they suspected of cow-killing, clashing with police and burning several cars.

Some villagers and police were injured, but no major injuries were reported.

Cows have long been sacred to Hindus, worshipped as a mother figure and associated since ancient times with the god Krishna. But increasingly, cows are also political. They have become a tool of political parties, an electioneering code word and a rallying cry for both Hindu nationalists and their opponents.

On Thursday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi broke his silence on the late September mob killing of Mohammad Akhlaq, saying religious and ethnic bigotry threatened the country's economic growth.

"We should decide if Hindus want to fight Muslims or poverty. Muslims must decide if they want to fight Hindus or poverty," Modi said at a campaign rally in Bihar state, where elections start next week. "It is unity, communal harmony, brotherhood and peace that will take the nation forward."

But Modi also rose to power as Hindu nationalist, and since his election last year hard-line Hindus have been demanding that India ban the sale of beef—a key industry within India's poor, minority Muslim community. In many Indian states, the slaughtering of cows and selling of beef are already either restricted or banned.

rocket launchers and a variety of missiles mounted on trucks then rolled through the square. Military aircraft flew in formation above head, forming the symbol of the Workers' Party of Korea—a hammer, brush and sickle. Another group of planes formed the number 70 in the sky.

Kim, who is in his early 30s, walked down a red carpet and saluted his honor guard before taking the podium to deliver the often fiery speech.

"Our revolutionary force is ready to respond to any kind of war the American imperialists want," he said, flanked by visiting Chinese official Liu Yunshan and senior North Korean officials. He said North Korea's policy of putting its military first has made it "an impenetrable fortress and a global military power."

Brightly colored floats and thousands of civilian marchers waving red and pink bouquets of plastic flowers followed the military show. Others held up

ASIAN BRIEFS

Angry crowd riots on Phuket after 2 killed in police crash

PHUKET, Thailand (AP)—An angry crowd hurled home-made fire bombs and torched vehicles at a police station on Thailand's resort island of Phuket to protest the deaths of two young men who died in a motorcycle crash while being chased by police, authorities said Sunday. No tourists were injured by the violence, which started Saturday evening and ended early Sunday, said Phuket police Lt. Col. Amnuay Kraiwuttinan. But local media reported that scores of people missed flights as a result of the riot, which blocked a main road to the airport for several hours. The protest occurred outside the island's main tourist areas at the Thalung Police Station, where a crowd that swelled to more than 300 people blocked

the road between 8 p.m. Saturday and 4 a.m. Sunday, Amnuay said. Police and soldiers were called in to restore order early Sunday after at least nine cars were set on fire and 11 other vehicles damaged by the crowd, which hurled objects at the police station as officers were trapped inside, he said.

Singapore Airlines jet collapses during checks; no injuries

SINGAPORE (AP)—A Singapore Airlines jet collapsed Sunday morning with no passengers or crew on board as an engineer conducted routine landing checks before a scheduled flight from Singapore to Hong Kong, the airline said. The carrier said in a statement that the nose gear of an Airbus A330-300 "retracted while the aircraft was undergoing a landing gear system check." "There

were no passengers or crew on board at the time. One engineer who was on the aircraft was not injured. Singapore Airlines will be cooperating fully with the authorities in their investigations," the statement said. It said the damage to the plane would be assessed after it is removed from the gate. The plane had been due to serve flight SQ890, scheduled to depart for Hong Kong from Singapore's Changi Airport at 7:35 a.m. It had arrived from Shanghai's Pudong International Airport in the wee hours of the morning.

Gas container explodes in restaurant in China, killing 17

BEIJING (AP)—A leaking liquefied gas container exploded on contact with fire in a restaurant in eastern China, killing 17 people, authorities said. The explosion happened

just before noon Saturday at a small privately run restaurant in Wuhu city's Jinghu district, the Wuhu city government said on its microblog. Wuhu is in Anhui province, about 350 kilometers (220 miles) west of Shanghai. An initial investigation found the gas cylinder leaked and came into contact with fire, triggering an explosion, the city government said. The restaurant was one of many in an alley about 50 meters (yards) long, said a worker at a rice noodles restaurant across from the one where the blast happened. "When the fire broke out, people from nearby restaurants rushed to the scene and used fire extinguishers to try and put it out, but there was a lot of smoke and it was quite fierce and already blocked the door," the worker, who would only give his surname, Wang, said by telephone.

PH ship crew thwarts attempted piracy

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The quick-thinking crew of a Philippine cargo ship thwarted a possible a hijacking or robbery at sea Saturday in the country's volatile southern region by locking themselves in their quarters, the coast guard said.

About eight men on two motorized outriggers boarded the MV *Cecilia* off Davao del Sur province, but the crew quickly locked all the vessel's hatches and windows, said Commodore Joselito dela Cruz, a coast guard district commander on the main southern island of Mindanao.

He said the suspected pirates left empty-handed before a coast guard vessel arrived at the site, near Balut Island.

Dela Cruz said it was unrelat-

ed to the kidnapping last month of two Canadians, a Norwegian and a Filipino woman from Samal Island, a resort island less than 200 kilometers (125 miles) away.

"We can say that this is an isolated incident," he said.

There has been no word on the fate of the four Samal kidnapping victims.

An Italian businessman who once served as a Roman Catholic missionary also was kidnapped earlier this week in Dipolog city in southern Zamboanga del Norte province. No group has claimed responsibility for kidnappings, although suspicion has fallen heavily on militants from the Abu Sayyaf group which operates in the region.

World

Suicide bombings kill 95 people at Ankara peace rally

ANKARA, Turkey (AP)—Nearly simultaneous explosions targeted a Turkish peace rally Saturday in Ankara, killing at least 95 people and wounding hundreds in Turkey's deadliest attack in years - one that threatens to inflame the nation's ethnic tensions.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility but Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said there were "strong signs" that the two explosions—which struck 50 meters (yards) apart just after 10 a.m.—were suicide bombings. He suggested that Kurdish rebels or Islamic State group militants were to blame.

The two explosions occurred seconds apart outside the capital's main train station as hundreds of opposition supporters and Kurdish activists gathered

for the peace rally organized by Turkey's public workers' union and other groups. The protesters planned to call for increased democracy in Turkey and an end to the renewed violence between Kurdish rebels and Turkish security forces.

The attacks Saturday came at a tense time for Turkey, a NATO member that borders war-torn Syria, hosts more refugees than any other nation in the world and has seen renewed fighting with Kurdish rebels that has left hundreds dead in the last few months.

Many people at the rally had been anticipating that the rebels of the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, would declare a temporary cease-fire—which it did hours after the bombing—to ensure that Turkey's Nov. 1 election would be held in a safe

environment.

Television footage from Turkey's Dogan news agency showed a line of protesters Saturday near Ankara's train station, chanting and performing a traditional dance with their hands locked when a large explosion went off behind them.

An Associated Press photographer saw several bodies covered with bloodied flags and banners that demonstrators had brought for the rally.

"There was a massacre in the middle of Ankara," said Lami Ozgen, head of the Confederation of Public Sector Trade

Unions, or KESK.

The state-run Anadolu Agency said the attacks were carried out with TNT explosives fortified with metal ball-bearings.

Turkey's government late Saturday raised the death toll in the twin bomb blasts to 95 people killed, 248 wounded. It

said 48 of the wounded were in serious condition.

Selcuk Atalay of the Turkish Medical Association's Ankara branch put the death toll at at least 97 and feared the toll could rise even higher, since several of the wounded were in serious condition with burns.



Wounded people wait for help at the site of an explosion in Ankara, Turkey, Saturday, Oct. 10, 2015.

AP

WORLD BRIEFS

5 suicide bombings target Chad, killing at least 36 people

N'DJAMENA, Chad (AP)—At least five suicide bombers on Saturday targeted a village in Chad that is home to thousands of Nigerians who have fled Islamic extremist violence, killing at least 36 people and wounding about 50 others in what appeared to be coordinated attacks, officials said. Authorities blamed the extremist Boko Haram group from neighboring Nigeria for staging the attacks in the western village of Baga Sola, according to a communique from government spokesman Hassan Sylla Bakari. It said 41 people had died, including the five suicide bombers who were identified as two women, two children and a man. Female suicide bombers hit the market in Baga Sola when it was at its busiest Saturday, killing at least 16 people, said the director general of Chad's gendarmerie, Gen. Banyaman Cossingar. A second group of suicide bombers killed at least 22 people at a nearby refugee camp, he said. Cossingar gave a preliminary toll before the government released an official count. Cossingar's figures apparently included two of the suicide bombers.

Danes OK with zoo's plan to publicly dissect year-old lion

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP)—A Danish zoo is planning to publicly dissect a year-old lion that it has killed to avoid inbreeding—a year after another Danish zoo triggered massive online protests for killing a healthy young giraffe, dissecting it and feeding it to lions in front of children. The Odense Zoo in central Denmark says the healthy young female lion was put down nine months ago

because the zoo had too many felines. It said the animal, which has since been kept in a freezer, will be dissected Thursday to coincide with the schools' fall break. Zookeeper Michael Wallberg Soerensen said the Odense Zoo, 170 kilometers (105 miles) west of Copenhagen, has performed public dissections for 20 years. He says they are "not for entertainment" but are educational. "We are not chopping up animals for fun. We believe in sharing knowledge," Wallberg Soerensen said Saturday, adding that the purpose of the public dissection was to give people "a closer-to-the-animals experience."

Belarus' Lukashenko set for re-election

MINSK, Belarus (AP)—In the 21 years under Alexander Lukashenko's rule, Belarus in many ways has seemed little different than the Soviet republic it once was. Dissent is stifled, sometimes harshly. The economy remains largely state-controlled. Even the flag is nearly identical to the Soviet-era emblem. For all of that, he's nonetheless sure to win a new term in Sunday's presidential election. A poll by the state sociology institute in September tallied his support at 76 percent. Lukashenko came to power in 1994 as a fierce anti-corruption campaigner with a vague political program. The former director of a collective farm appealed to voters who were tired of bureaucrats pilfering the country. A year later, however, Lukashenko disbanded parliament and clamped down on the news media. The marginalized opposition is in disarray: some of its leaders fled the country; others were jailed; three opposition leaders and one journalist went missing.

Gaza official says Israeli airstrike kills mother and child

JERUSALEM (AP)—An Israeli airstrike killed a pregnant Palestinian woman and her 2-year-old daughter in Gaza Sunday, a Gaza health official said. In the West Bank, a Palestinian woman detonated an explosive in her car at a checkpoint, injuring an Israeli soldier and herself.

The attack marks the first use of explosives in the current round of violence following a series of stabbing and shooting attacks. The violence has unnerved a jittery Israel, and prompted the U.S. on Saturday to issue a fresh call for restraint by all sides.

The wave of attacks began weeks ago in Jerusalem and has since spread to the rest of Israel, while violent protests have erupted in the West Bank and along the Gaza border—where nine Palestinians were killed in clashes over the weekend.

The Gaza border has been largely calm since the month-long summer 2014 war between Israel and the Islamic militant group Hamas, which rules the coastal territory.

In response to renewed rocket

fire toward Israel, the military said it carried out airstrikes in Gaza targeting Hamas weapons manufacturing facilities. Ashraf Al-Kidra, a Health Ministry spokesman in Gaza, said a nearby home was struck, killing 30-year-old Noor Hassan and her infant daughter. He said four others were wounded, including Hassan's husband and son, in the strike in the southern Gaza strip.

Meanwhile, in the West Bank, Israeli police say a 31-year-old Palestinian woman set off an explosive in her vehicle that

lightly wounded a police officer and critically injured herself. Police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said the police officer noticed the woman driving suspiciously and motioned her to stop. She then chanted "God is great" and detonated a bomb.

On Saturday, Palestinians carried out two stabbing attacks in Jerusalem on Saturday before being shot dead by police, while another two Palestinian youths were killed near the Gaza border fence, as a weeklong bout of violence showed no signs of slowing.

Official: Lottery scam linked to killing of Jamaica family

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)—Attackers killed six members of the same family and set their clapboard home on fire in northern Jamaica, and the island's security minister on Friday linked the massacre to the island's international lottery scam crime rings.

The Jamaica Constabulary Force said the dead in the Logwood section of Hanover parish included two teenagers and a 62-year-old man. The bodies were found in the rubble of the burned house. Four other occupants of the home were being

treated for burns, with two reported in critical condition.

Police did not provide specifics about the case or say anything about a motive.

However, National Security Minister Peter Bunting linked the killings to Jamaican scam rings that generally prey on elderly people in the United States by coercing money from them after tricking victims into thinking they won a lottery.

Authorities say clashes among rival rings have long been responsible for the majority of homicides in northern

parishes of the Caribbean island where many of the criminals are based.

Bunting said the slayings in Logwood were an example of "how much of a danger lottery scamming is to the security of our country."

This "heinous crime shows that scamming not only affects those who participate and directly profit from it, but those who associate with them, even where those associations are distant," he said.

Authorities have lately made progress capturing lot-

tery scam suspects. Earlier this year, Jamaica extradited its first lottery scam suspect to the U.S. But the fraud rings are still flourishing, typically targeting retired people.

The scam often works like this: A caller tells a victim they have won millions in an overseas lottery, but first must wire a few hundred dollars to cover the taxes. Payments then lead to other requests for money. As victims try to recover losses, scammers even pose as police and say they need cash to aid the investigation.

Health & Fitness

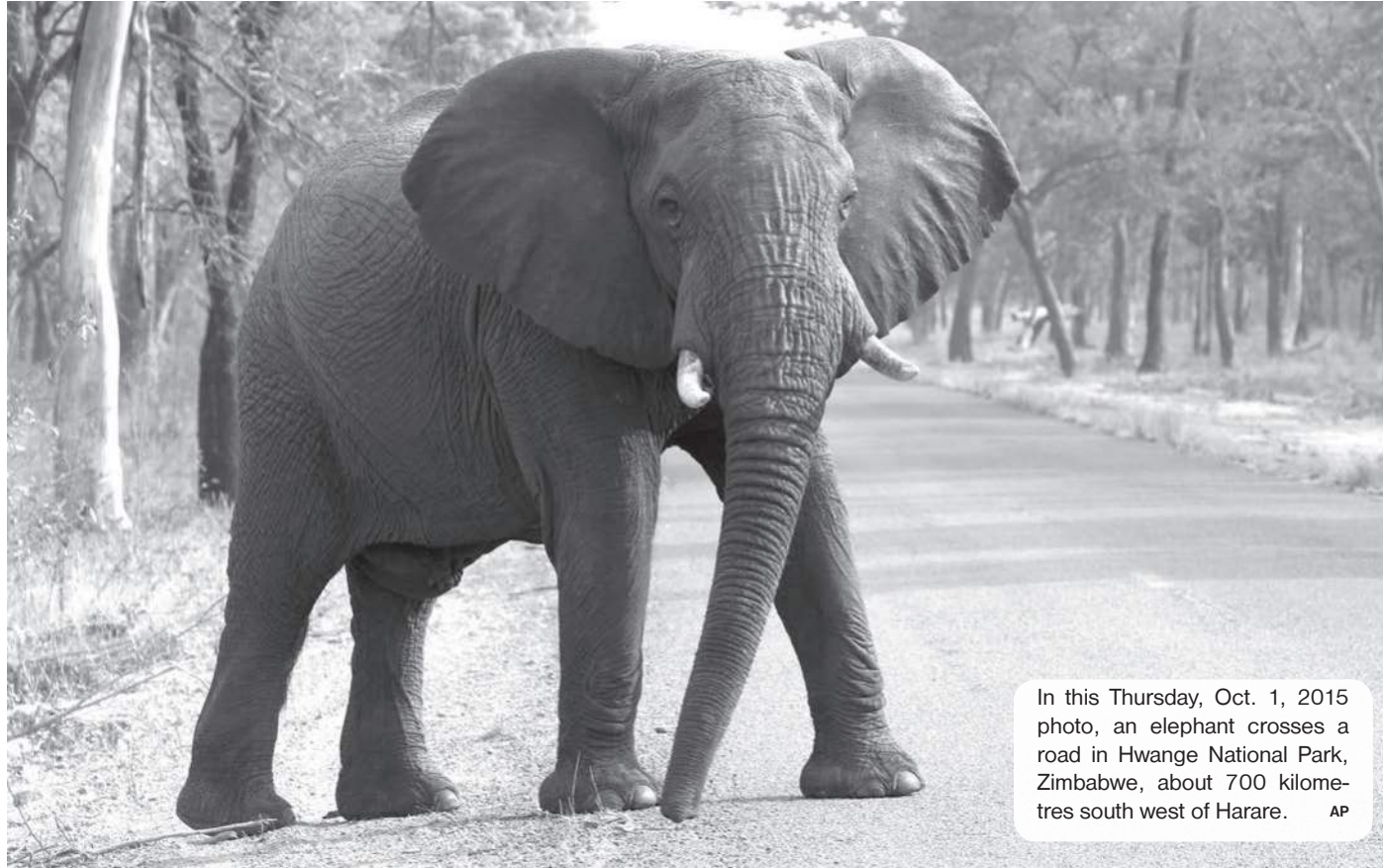
Why is elephant cancer rare? Answer might help treat humans

CHICAGO (AP)—Cancer is much less common in elephants than in humans, even though the big beasts' bodies have many more cells. That's a paradox known among scientists, and now researchers think they may have an explanation—one they say might someday lead to new ways to protect people from cancer.

Compared with just one copy in humans, elephants' cells contain 20 copies of a major cancer-suppressing gene, two teams of scientists report. The gene helps damaged cells repair themselves or self-destruct when exposed to cancer-causing substances.

The findings aren't proof that those extra p53 genes make elephants cancer-resistant, but if future research confirms it, scientists could try to develop drugs for humans that would mimic the effect.

Dr. Joshua Schiffman, a pediatric cancer specialist at the University of Utah who led one of the teams, began his research after hearing a lecture a few years ago about Peto's paradox. That refers to the fact that large animals including elephants and whales, have comparatively low cancer rates even though they have many more cells



In this Thursday, Oct. 1, 2015 photo, an elephant crosses a road in Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe, about 700 kilometres south west of Harare. AP

than smaller species. Cancer involves uncontrolled cell growth.

The lecture speaker mentioned that elephants seemed to have extra copies of the p53 gene. Schiffman's patients include children with incomplete p53 genes because of a

condition called Li-Fraumeni syndrome, which greatly increases their chances of developing cancer. So Schiffman sought to find clues from the blood of eight elephants, Ringling Bros. circus animals and local zoo animals.

His team—as well as a second group of scientists—pinned down the size of the elephants' surplus—20 copies. The second team found many other species have only one copy, just like humans.

Schiffman and his colleagues compared how elephant cells reacted to radiation, compared with cells from 10 healthy humans and 10 patients with Li-Fraumeni syndrome.

The elephant cells self-destructed at twice the rate of

healthy human cells and more than five times the rate of cells from patients with the syndrome. Cells that don't self-repair or self-destruct when exposed to carcinogens become prone to developing cancer.

The work was published Thursday in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

Dr. Judy Garber, director of cancer genetics and prevention at Dana-Farmer Cancer Institute in Boston, said the research is intriguing but preliminary

While the research won't lead to any immediate treatment for humans, progress against cancer can come "from unexpected directions," said Dr. Ted Gansler of the American Cancer Society. He noted that studies of eyelid and tooth development in mice led to drugs used for colon cancer, throat cancer, and several other cancers.

Schiffman's team also analyzed necropsy data and found that elephants sometimes live as long as humans, yet only about 1 in 20 die of cancer, versus about 1 in 4 humans.

The second group of researchers, working with frozen zoo specimens, looked at more than 60 other species and found only elephants and woolly mammoths, their extinct relatives, had extra copies of the cancer-suppressing gene.

This team inserted elephants' p53 genes into mouse cells and found that those cells behaved just like elephants and self-destructed when exposed to DNA-damaging drugs, said co-author Vincent Lynch, an evolutionary biologist at the University of Chicago. His study is under review for publication and was released online this week.

Schiffman's team is seeking funding for research into possible treatments based on the elephant research. While studies in humans are at least several years away, "we certainly think we've found something very intriguing," Schiffman said.

Personal Trainer

Running against the alarm clock

Many mass events, such as marathons, swim meets and bicycle races, begin early in the morning – a training problem in itself.



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Studies say 1/3 of young men in China to die from smoking

BEIJING (AP)—Research published in the medical journal *The Lancet* says one in three of all the young men in China are likely to die from tobacco, but that the number can fall if the men quit smoking.

The studies, conducted by researchers from Oxford University, the Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences and the Chinese Center for Disease Control, show that two-thirds of the young men in China start to smoke, mostly before age 20, and that half of those will eventually be killed by tobacco unless they stop permanently.

The research, involving two studies 15 years apart and including hundreds of thousands of people, says the number of tobacco deaths, mostly among men, reached 1 million by 2010 and will hit 2 million by 2030 if current trends continue.

But researchers say the trends could be stemmed if the smokers quit.

"The key to avoid this huge wave of deaths is cessation, and if you are a young man, don't start," said co-author Richard Peto, from the University of Oxford.

Smoking rates have dropped

significantly among men in developed countries. In the United States, about 20 percent of adult men smoke and 15 percent of women do, and cigarette smoking causes about one of every five deaths, said the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In China, the percentage of smokers among Chinese men has been on the rise in recent decades as cigarettes have become easily available.

As more Chinese people start to puff at younger ages, researchers expect the proportion of male deaths attributed to smoking to increase.

Around the world, tobacco kills up to half of its users, and more than 5 million deaths annually result from direct tobacco use, according to the World Health Organization.

However, with tobacco an important source of revenue for the Chinese government, Beijing's efforts to control tobacco use have in the past been compromised. Also, many people in China find it difficult to kick the habit in a culture where smoking has become so ingrained.

"It is difficult, because there

is a lot of pressure at work, so I smoke to alleviate the tension," Beijing office worker Wei Bin, 32, said in an interview.

"At the same time our country does not provide good support for people who want to quit. I have tried electronic cigarettes, but I think that is perhaps worse," Wei said.

Some people are showing growing signs of awareness of the health risks.

"Three years ago, I used to smoke, but now I realize it is bad for health and also the environment, so I quit," office worker Ma Huiwei, 35, said in downtown Beijing.

The research published in *The Lancet* shows that the number of young men smoking in China has increased, and the percentage of all male deaths in China that can be attributed to smoking is rising, while younger generations of Chinese women have become less likely to smoke compared to those born in the 1930s.

Yet, researchers also worry that this downward trend among Chinese women might be reversed as other studies have shown more young women taking up smoking recently.

Life & Style

Quaid taken into custody in Vermont trying to cross border

HIGHGATE, Vt. (AP)—American actor Randy Quaid was taken into custody Friday night while trying to cross into the United States from Canada, Vermont State Police said.

The “Independence Day” actor was detained by troopers at the Highgate Springs port of entry days after Canadian officials said he would be deported. Quaid is wanted in Santa Bar-



Quaid

bara, California, to face felony vandalism charges filed in 2010 after he and his wife, Evi, were found squatting in a guesthouse of a home they previously owned.

The pair skipped several court appearances and went to Canada, where Evi Quaid was granted citizenship. Randy Quaid’s bid to gain permanent residency was denied.

The 65-year-old actor said in interview with The Associated Press from a detention center in Laval, Quebec, on Wednesday that he would like to resolve his legal issues in California and “move on with my life.”

U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents detained the Quaid at the Vermont port of entry at about 8 p.m. Friday after determining they were fugitives from justice and subject to extradition, State Police said. They were taken into custody by troopers, and a judge set bail at \$500,000 each. Randy Quaid was being held at the North West State Correctional Center and Evi Quaid at the Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility. They are expected to be arraigned in Vermont on Monday, according to a county prosecutor.

Attempts to reach a current attorney for the Quaid were unsuccessful early Saturday.

Randy Quaid’s bid for permanent residency in Canada was denied in 2012, and it can take years for deportation to follow. He was arrested in Montreal in May after becoming the subject of a nationwide arrest warrant when he stopped checking in with border authorities. He later apologized and was released, with the requirement to check in every two weeks.

The actor and his Canadian wife fled the U.S. in 2010, saying they were victims of persecution. Quaid said he was being hunted by “Hollywood star-whackers” who killed his friends David Carradine and Heath Ledger.

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Parents-in-law: JR. & Nad Camacho & Family
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Brothers and Sisters-in-law: Jina Camacho & Ray Tigilau

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**The body of Diwain Stephen will be transported from
Nuuanu Mortuary to Sts. Peter and Paul Church on Kahuka St.,
Honolulu, Hawaii on October 17, 2015 at 7:30AM.**

**Rosary will follow, and family visitation will be from 8:30AM to
9:30AM. Eucharistic Celebration will start at 9:30AM.**

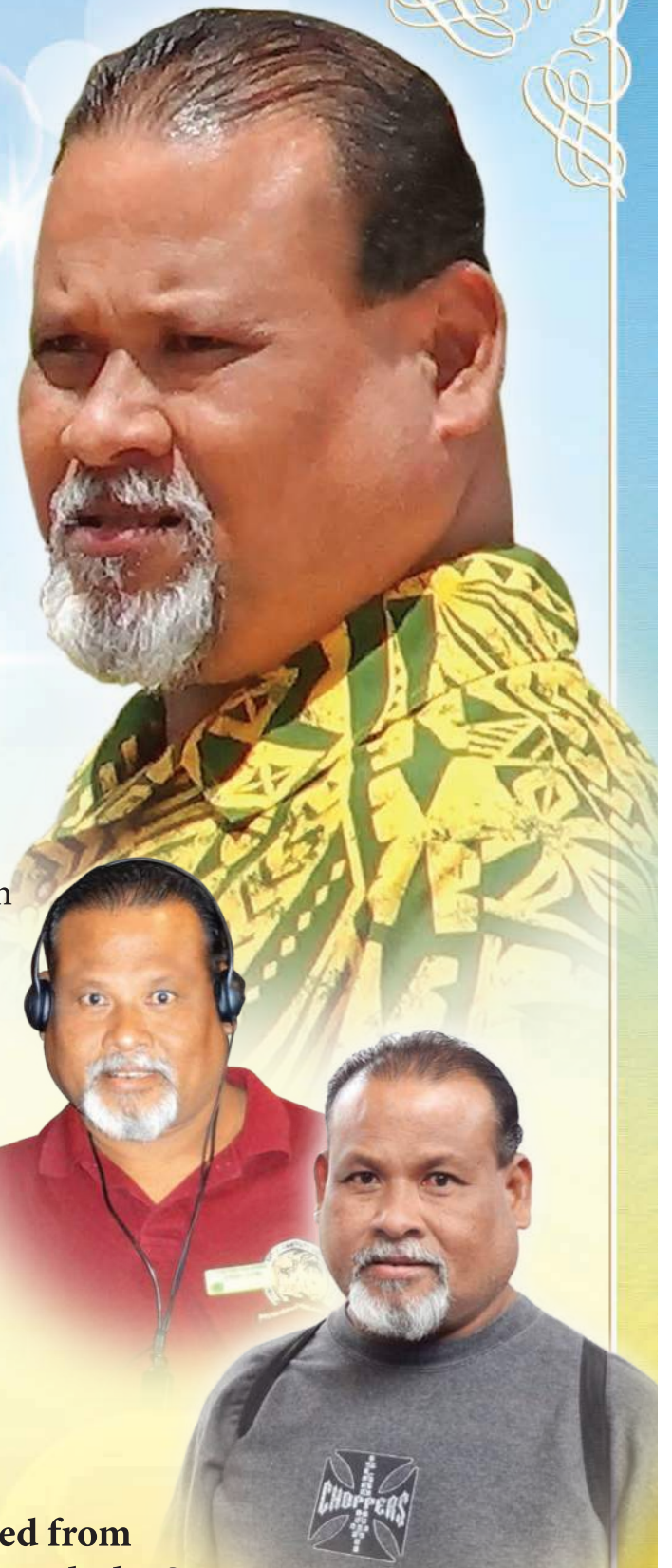
“For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth; And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my flesh I shall see God.”

— Job 19: 25 & 26

Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.
Olomwaay. Kilisou, Si Yu’use Ma’ase & Thank you.

From

Florence, Weisch, Josh & Family



Donna Karan's fashion wisdom, in 7 easy pieces

By JOCELYN NOVECK
AP NATIONAL WRITER

NEW YORK (AP)—Donna Karan introduced her famous Seven Easy Pieces in 1985, as she was introducing the world to her namesake label. Based on a black bodysuit with simple added pieces like a wrap skirt, classic trousers, or a suede jacket, it was a lot more than a convenient wardrobe: It was a conceptual shift in fashion. Karan was trying to tell women working women that clothes could work for them, and not the other way around. And that they didn't need to wear buttoned-up suits to look professional.

It's a time of great transition for Karan, 67. In the summer, she announced she was stepping down from her signature Donna Karan collection to focus fully on her Urban Zen company and foundation, which along with designing clothes promotes health care, education and preservation of local culture in countries like Haiti.

What's more, she has a memoir coming out next week—

"My Journey," a volume chock full of very personal, entertaining anecdotes (like that time Barbra Streisand came in and insisted on taking a sweater that had been determined to be too flammable. They became great friends.) Karan didn't know, when writing, that she'd have to add a new final chapter about her farewell to her famous label. But, she says "that's how my life happens"—beginnings and endings, always at the same time.

Karan sat down to chat with The Associated Press this week in her sweeping, tranquil Urban Zen space in Greenwich Village. Here are Seven Pieces of Wisdom from a pillar of American fashion.

FASHION IS ABOUT DRESSING—AND ADDRESSING

"When Donna Karan started, I felt there was a really enormous need for women to be addressed as women. Because they were either wearing men's clothes—suits and ties and shirts, kind of buttoned up—or they were the ladies who lunched, and kind of wearing cocktail dresses. So who was really expressing the working woman? She was just not being addressed."

CLOTHES NEED TO WORK ALL DAY AND ALL NIGHT—AND BLACK IS BEST

"I wanted clothes that could go from the minute I got up in the morning to the minute I went to bed at night. I wanted clothes to go through that whole cycle, because I found that I didn't have time to go home and change. It was like, if I put them all in a suitcase and went off to Europe, what would I pack? So jewelry was an important aspect. And I love black. I never get out of it. Black took me from day into night."

SHOULDERS NEVER GAIN WEIGHT—SO SHOW THEM!

"I remember Women's Wear Daily REALLY did not like my cold shoulder look (exposed shoulders, covered arms.) Just not at all. And then Liza Minnelli decided to come into my closet one day and pick up this discarded dress. Everybody loved the way she looked in it. Next thing, I see Hillary (Rodham Clinton, then first lady) wearing it at the White House. For me, the cold shoulder was so obvious. It is the only place where women never gain weight. You gain weight EVERY OTHER place on your body except on your shoulders."

IT'S GREAT TO HAVE FANS IN HIGH PLACES

"One of my dearest friends, Barbra Streisand, wears the clothes magnificently. I've dressed her for practically every concert she's ever done."

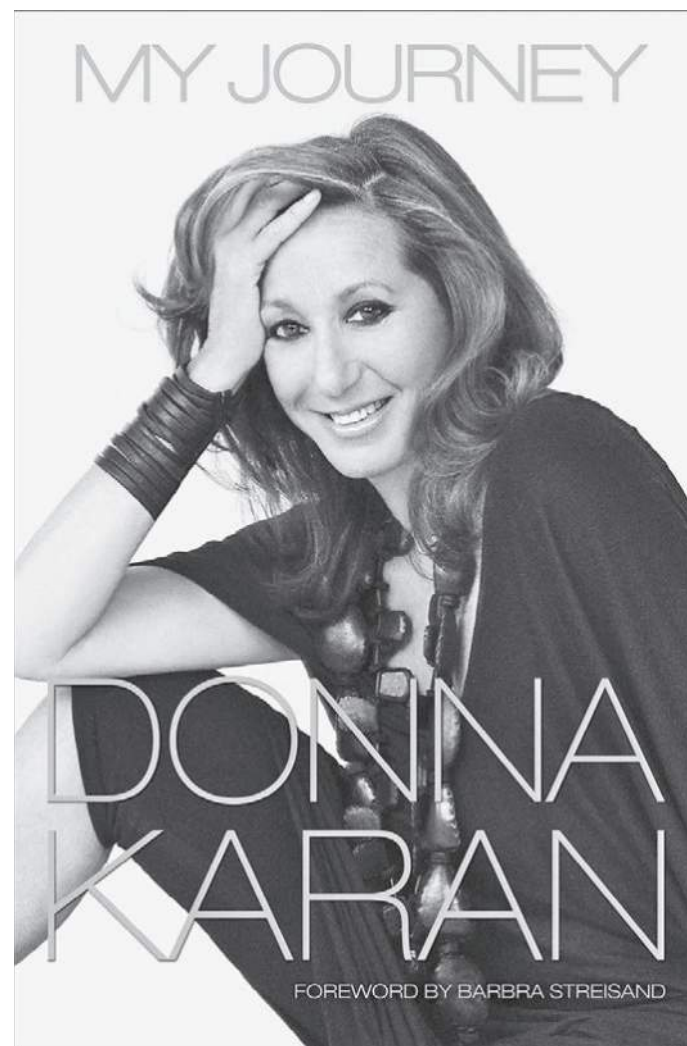
And I've always said that we worked together on it. It was a 'We,' not a 'Me.' We designed it together. And certainly when I designed her wedding dress, that was the ultimate for me. Her style is fluidity, simplicity, elegance. It was never too much. It was so that she—the woman, the voice—came through. And that's how I feel about clothing. I always want the person to come through, not the clothes."

DON'T HIDE YOURSELF

"You know, a woman has a certain point of view about the way she can dress. And what I did was, I threw that a little bit to the side. Like pencil skirts. I love women in pencil skirts. No matter if they're a little bigger on the bottom, they're better in a pencil skirt because it narrows them out. Women don't really understand that: They think the bigger the clothes the more they hide. Well sometimes, the narrower the clothes, the leaner they look."

WE ALL NEED A DEADLINE

"Putting on four (Fashion Week) shows a year? It is a LOT of work. It's exhausting. But at the same time, it's a high. So when you're in the zone, it's an adrenaline rush. And then you crash. That's a guarantee. But I always felt, Oh my gosh, if just had one more week, two more weeks, three more weeks. But a deadline is a deadline. And that's what brought me into the next season. I was always late for the



next collection. Most designers need deadlines. You're still designing as those clothes go onto the runway.

CREATIVITY IS GREAT, BUT FASHION NEEDS TO PRODUCE CLOTHES YOU CAN ACTUALLY WEAR

"I think it's much more difficult to work in fashion today than when I started. Fashion is

going at warp speed—What's new? What's new? —and with the red carpet, and with the communications, everybody sees it so quickly, so fast. There's so much to handle, and (the clothes) really do take on each person's individuality, which is the good news of it. But I think we're also pushing the limit of what a woman can actually wear."

Prince serenades Madonna at Paisley Park party

CHANHASSEN, Minn. (AP)—Some lucky music fans got to see two icons in the same room early Friday, as Prince performed for Madonna at Paisley Park.

Minnesota Public Radio reports that about 30 Prince fans were summoned to Paisley Park late Thursday for something "extra special."

The group was dancing to a mix of Prince and 1980s pop tunes when Madonna walked

in, hours after performing in St. Paul as part of her Rebel Heart Tour.

Her professional dancers and tour crew joined the dance party, and Madonna disappeared.

She emerged later, followed by Prince.

He took the stage and played a funky set, as Madonna sat on the edge of the stage at his feet. Minnesota Public Radio reports that Madonna looked up at him adoringly as he sang.

Diesel says 'Witch Hunter' role cathartic to deal with grief

NEW YORK (AP)—Vin Diesel still struggles over the loss of his friend and "Furious" of Riddick" series, "Babylon A.D.," and "Guardians of the Galaxy," but this one was special for him.

"The idea that someone immortal could be so melancholy. 2014 was a tough year for me in some ways—a lot of ways," Diesel said, choking up before continuing. "Playing a character that was masking his sorrow—his loss—was very appropriate for the time, because that's what I was doing in real life with the



Diesel

Diesel is no stranger to fantasy and sci-fi films, having starred in "The Chronicles

of Riddick" series,

of "Furious 7." Walker died in late 2013 after the Porsche in which he was a passenger crashed and burned north of Los Angeles during a holiday break in the filming of "Furious 7," the latest installment of "The Fast and Furious" franchise. Production was halted indefinitely, but resumed seven months later. Diesel felt continuing the film would honor Walker's legacy, and his respect for the series'

devoted fanbase.

"Paul said, 'You know ('Furious 7') could bomb and ('Furious 8') is still guaranteed.' When somebody who is like your brother makes a promise, you feel inclined to want to honor that," Diesel said.

Diesel shared Walker's vision on the longevity of the series.

"He took a lot of pride in this franchise and he'd be smiling down at the idea of us actually doing what we talked about, which is going to the 10th chapter," Diesel said.

'The Walking Dead' hosts huge premiere for fans in New York

NEW YORK (AP)—A premiere Friday for the sixth season of AMC's "The Walking Dead" at Madison Square Garden was so big and orchestrated, its stars attended a rehearsal that afternoon to prepare.

The event, which awarded fans with tickets via giveaways and sweepstakes, screened the season premiere and then held a panel with 18 cast members.

"It's a giant arena with 18,000 seats and Led Zeppelin's played here, I think Muhammad Ali fought here, so it's really a special venue," actor

Austin Nichols said. "I'm honored to be here."

The red carpet itself was moved inside at the last minute due to rain and wind, but that didn't keep away the fans, many who dressed as zombies, or "walkers," as they're called on the series.

"The Walking Dead" is about people trying to survive in a zombie apocalypse. Over time, it's evolved from being about people trying to escape the undead to people trying to outlast others as civilization and order has crumbled around them.

"It was always going to be about how an environment changes people," star Andrew Lincoln said. "Some turn to the dark and some try and keep hope alive."

Lincoln said that in the sixth season, however, the zombies make a comeback: "The zombies are very much back in the foreground."

"Emotionally, physically, everything is absolutely relentless," added actor Ross Marquand. "They're dealing with the threats from all these different tribal factions that are trying

to kill them. We're dealing with more and more zombies than ever before. It's just incredible."

"The Walking Dead" is one of the most watched shows on television and has a global fan base.

"I'm from Zimbabwe," actress Danai Gurira said. "People watch it there. I've been stopped on the streets of Zimbabwe for being Michonne so, it doesn't get more far away than that, you know? It's really exciting to see that my work in the United States is embraced by my other home that's so far away."

1st Year Death Anniversary

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Lovingly known as "Pat"

We the family of the late †Pastor B. Gagaring would like to invite all our families, relatives and friends to join us in prayers as we commemorate the 1st Year Death Anniversary of our beloved's passing unto eternal life.

Daily Mass is being offered at 6:00am at San Jose (Oleai) church beginning Saturday, October 10, 2015 to Saturday, October 17, 2015. On Sunday, October 18, 2015, Mass of Intention will be offered at 9:00am followed by lunch at 11:00am at the Social Hall.

Obama gives Kanye tips for his presidential run

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—If you're going to run for president, Kanye West, you might as well listen to someone who's been there and done that.

"I do have some advice for him," President Barack Obama said during a West Coast fundraiser featuring an appearance by the rapper. "Just some stuff that I've picked up on the way."

When West appeared on the MTV Video Music Awards last month, he announced that he would run for president in 2020.

Obama's Tip No. 1 could have been aimed at reality TV star turned presidential candidate Donald Trump—and may-

be a few others in the crowded Republican field.

"First of all, you've got to spend a lot of time dealing with some strange characters who behave like they're on a reality TV show," Obama said. "So you've just to be cool with that."

Tip No. 2 referenced West's fifth studio album. "Saying that you have a 'Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy'—that's what's known as 'off-message' in politics," Obama said. "You can't say something like that. There are a lot of people who have lost their congressional seats saying things like that."

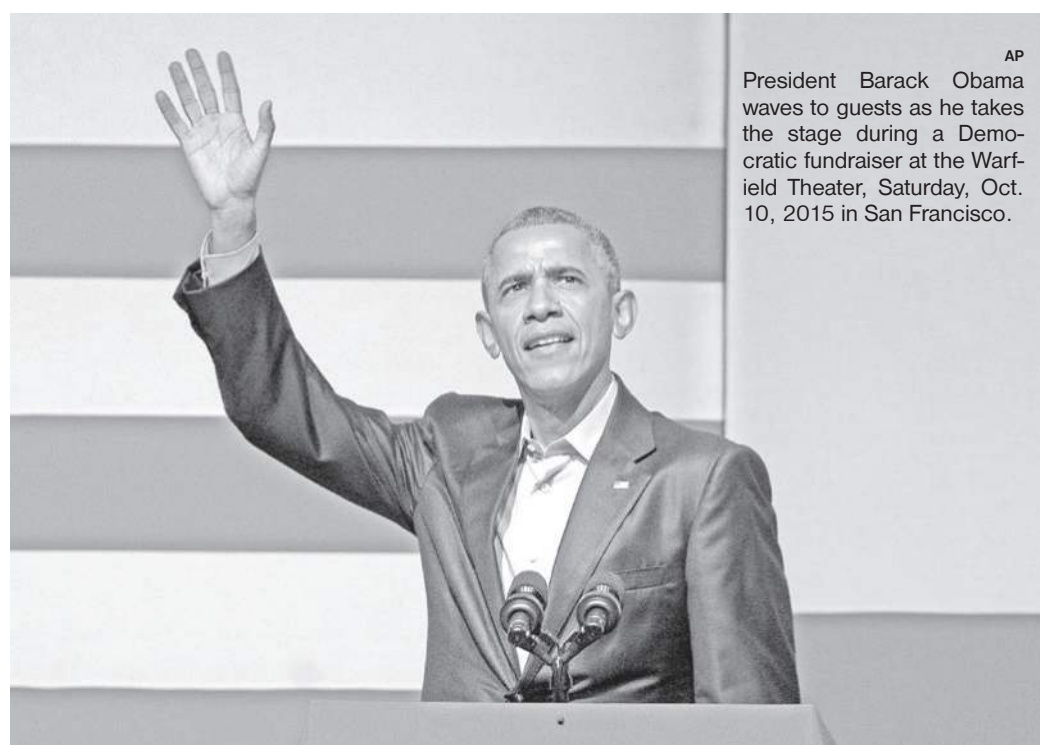
Tip No. 3 hit the Chicago-

raised West close to home. "Do you really think that this country is going to elect a black guy from the South Side of Chicago with a funny name to be president of the United States?" Obama asked. "That is crazy. That's crazy!"

Obama, aka POTUS, also joked that West has his own nickname for the person in the White House—Peezy (that's someone who is really, really cool).

West also is thinking about running for speaker of the House, Obama cracked.

"Couldn't get any stranger," he said.



AP
President Barack Obama waves to guests as he takes the stage during a Democratic fundraiser at the Warfield Theater, Saturday, Oct. 10, 2015 in San Francisco.

Shia LaBeouf charged with public intoxication in Texas

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)—Actor Shia LaBeouf has been arrested and charged with public intoxication after an incident in Austin, Texas.

The Austin Police Department said in a news release that LaBeouf was arrested at 7:33 p.m. Friday.

Jail records show he was booked into the Travis County

Jail and released on his own recognizance. No attorney was listed on the record.

He was arrested in the city's Sixth Street entertainment district, where the Austin City Limits music festival is taking place through Sunday.

Police have not responded to a request from The Associated Press for additional details. His

publicist did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the arrest.

The 29-year-old previously made headlines with bizarre escapades—including yelling from the audience during a Broadway show and wearing a paper bag on his head to a movie premiere—and has been treated for an alcohol problem.



AP
In this Sept. 15, 2015, file photo, Actor Shia LaBeouf attends a premiere for "Man Down" on day 6 of the Toronto International Film Festival at Roy Thomson Hall in Toronto.

China changes Oscars entry as 'Wolf Totem' fails eligibility

BEIJING (AP)—China has made a last-minute change to its submission for next year's Oscars because its Sino-French hopeful "Wolf Totem" failed to have enough Chinese among its creative staff to be eligible, state media reported Sunday.

China Film News, a newspaper managed by the state broadcasting administration, said late Saturday that the Film Bureau had received a notification on Oct. 5 from Oscars organizers saying the movie did not meet requirements.

A requirement for eligibility for the best foreign language film award states that the submitting country must certify "that creative

control of the motion picture was largely in the hands of citizens or residents of that country." Oscars organizers did not immediately respond to an emailed request for comment Sunday.

While the main actors were Chinese, and the language was predominantly Mandarin with some Mongolian, the production team was largely foreign.

China had had high hopes for "Wolf Totem," one of an increasing number of co-productions with foreign countries that enable China's film industry to develop its technical know-how.

The movie's director, France's Jean-Jacques Annaud, told The Associated Press earlier this year

that the film's Chinese backers had initially wanted an "English-speaking movie with famous Chinese-American actors" until he talked them out of it.

Based on a best-selling semi-autobiographical novel, "Wolf Totem" tells the story of a Chinese student who is sent to live in Mongolia among nomads during the Cultural Revolution and becomes fascinated with wolves. The crew spent three years training wolves for the movie.

China Film News said it has been replaced by "Go Away Mr. Tumor," a romantic comedy about an optimistic woman coping with cancer.

Police: Wiz Khalifa cited for public urination in Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Pittsburgh police say rapper Wiz Khalifa has been cited for urinating in public.

City public safety spokeswoman Sonya Toler says it happened at about 2:30 a.m. Saturday behind a bar called The Flats on Pittsburgh's South Side.

Khalifa, whose real name is Cameron Jibril Thomaz, is a graduate of Pittsburgh's Allderdice High School and keeps a home in suburban Canonsburg. He was in town to perform during Pitt's Midnight Madness basketball season kickoff Friday night.

Representatives for Khalifa, who is known for hits such as "Black and Yellow" and "See You Again," did not immediately return phone and email messages late Saturday from The Associated Press seeking comment on the citation, which is basically a ticket.

Semester abroad offers couple a chance to grow

DEAR ABBY: I am a college sophomore and have been dating my boyfriend, "Evan," for nearly a year. I am planning to take a semester abroad at the beginning of my junior year.

Recently, Evan confessed that if I leave, our relationship would have to end. He asserts that being away from me for more than three months would be too painful and scary, not knowing if I was all right. (He has some anxiety issues, for which I have urged him to consider therapy.)

Should I end this relationship now, or continue to see if Evan changes his mind? There's a possibility, depending on program availability and class requirements, that I may not even be able to go. I don't want to break any hearts or inflict any pain. Evan is my best friend, and I'm scared of losing him.

AMBITIOUS STUDENT IN MARYLAND

DEAR STUDENT: Gather your courage and tell Evan that you love him and want him to be your best friend forever, but that the semester abroad is an opportunity to grow. By the way, your absence will provide Evan with one, too, if he chooses to avail himself of it.

You are right that he needs to work on his anxiety issues. It would be a huge mistake to let them stand in the way of your

having the experience of a lifetime if you are lucky enough to get it. There are worse things than being alone, and one of them is being attached to a partner who would hold you back.

DEAR ABBY: I am 50, own my home and am debt-free. I have friends but have never dated anyone. This doesn't bother me, although many of my close friends joke with me about being a "50-year-old virgin."

My problem is, four years ago I lost my job. I have a few investments and a small inheritance that, when combined, give me an income of \$60,000 a year. So I don't need more money.

Although I did look for another job for two years, I haven't tried for the past two. I tell my friends I've decided to retire. They keep telling me I need to find a job because I need something to keep me busy. I remind them that I have enough money for everything I need.

Friends have started telling me I may have a "problem" and should think about counseling. I see no need for it, but have decided to get an outside opinion. So, Abby, should I see a counselor about my lack of interest in finding a new job?

OUT OF WORK IN TEXAS

DEAR OUT OF WORK: There are reasons people work

DEAR ABBY

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besides the financial one. Social stimulation is important, too. I am glad you have the money to support yourself now, but what if something unplanned or catastrophic happens in the future that jeopardizes your nest egg?

Fifty is young to "retire." The counseling you're considering should be used to determine why you lack the motivation to continue being a contributing member of society. (This may be the "problem" your friends are hinting at.)

For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more sociable person, order "How to Be Popular." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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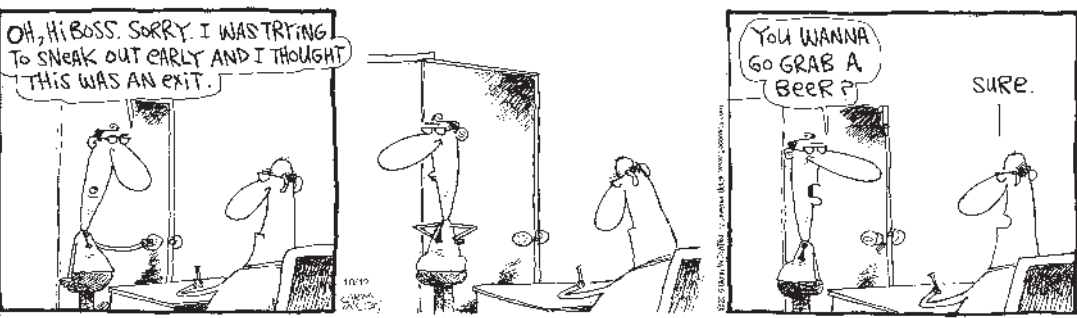
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13 Hearty brew

14 Unaccompanied

15 Indian wrap

16 Money movement

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20 Almost not

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23 Apiece

24 Boxing play

28 Uninteresting

31 Blackbird

32 Soft drinks

34 Vast expanse

35 Emcee

37 Late-night TV fare

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41 Thin aperture

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4 Fedora-like hat

5 Sperm whale

6 — carte

7 Netting

8 Hitchcock or Tennyson

9 Yukon event

10 Carbon compound

11 Moist in the morning

17 Chance, poetically

19 Spheres

22 Musical endings

24 "Hum-bug!"

25 Lennon's Yoko

26 Loosen

27 Rolled around in mud

29 Zodiac cat

30 Legislation

33 Omit

36 Reservation residences

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40 Anderson's "High —"

42 Quasimodo's creator

43 — even keel

44 Greek vowels

46 Hammer's target

47 Right angles

48 Remove from the text

50 Eggs

Solution time: 27 mins.

Friday's answer 10-12

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Josh Hutcherson, 23; Bode Miller, 38; Kirk Cameron, 45; Hugh Jackman, 47.

Happy Birthday: Stop procrastinating and start doing. Put your energy behind making the changes at home that will ease your stress and make your life more enjoyable. Put an end to any unsavory conditions you've been tolerating, and do what's best for you. Put your needs first. Helping others can be rewarding, but helping yourself should be your top priority. Your numbers are 3, 10, 19, 27, 34, 36, 47.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Forget about what everyone else is doing and concentrate on your own responsibilities. Completing tasks should be your goal, along with bringing about personal changes that will improve your relationship with someone you love. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Network, socialize and let your voice be heard. A proactive approach to life and love will result in success and happiness. Don't waste time trying to figure out the impossible. Take the path that welcomes you with open arms. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Problems will arise if you exaggerate or underestimate the extent of a job. Use your insight and intelligence to figure out the best route to take before you begin a venture that may be too much to handle on your own. *****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Give-and-take will help you avoid criticism. As long as you keep things equal and do your share, you will be given greater opportuni-

ties and support. Don't let emotions take over or you will say something you will regret. **

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Something you least expect will come from an unusual source. Be gracious and do your part to show that you are worthy of what's being offered. Your concern and help will be appreciated. Don't hold back when you can make a difference. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Before getting involved in any sort of partnership, do a background check. Someone will offer you only the positive aspects of a deal and expect you to make an instant decision. Trust your intuition and protect your assets, reputation and position. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let the past haunt you or cause you to make a poor decision. Change may be needed, but before you decide to let your emotions lead the way, consider past experience and the outcome of similar situations. Consider your motives. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A chance to advance is in the stars. Don't sit back—do everything you can to connect with the right people and show the unique ways in which you can make a valuable contribution. Spontaneity will capture others' attention. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't brag, overdo it or make unrealistic promises. Take a stance and live up to the expectations you set and the commitments you make. Listen to what others want and find a way to accommodate without complaint. ****

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Avoid anyone who exhibits instability. Go it alone and put everything you've got into your own ideas and plans. Romance will improve your personal life and lead to a positive lifestyle change. Problems with travel plans and communications are prevalent. **

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Look ahead and gauge what you should be doing in order to prepare for the future. Someone you least expect will surprise you with information that will change your mind about someone. Follow your intuition and avoid making mistakes. *****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A chance to explore new avenues, meet new people and try new things will surface. Don't let negativity or someone's demands stand between you and the people you want in your life. Love is highlighted. ***

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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Last Friday's SUDOKU Answer

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Utley takeout slide key; Dodgers beat Mets, tie NLDS 1-1



LOS ANGELES (AP)—Chase Utley's aggressive baserunning broke

Mets shortstop Ruben Tejada's right leg in a takeout slide, reviving the Los Angeles Dodgers and angering the New York players.

Utley's slide flipped Tejada during a four-run rally in the seventh inning that helped the Dodgers win 5-2 Saturday night and tie their NL Division Series at one game apiece.

"I feel terrible that he was injured. I had no intent to hurt him whatsoever," said Utley, who had reached with a pinch-hit single. "Any time there's a double play you should do your best to break it up."

The Mets were leading 2-1 when the Dodgers put runners at the corners with one out against Noah Syndergaard. Bartolo Colon came on in his first career postseason relief appearance after 10 starts, and Howie Kendrick hit a grounder up the middle.

"I tried to put a body on him to break up the double play," Utley said of Tejada. "You have to try and break up the double play. That's winning baseball."

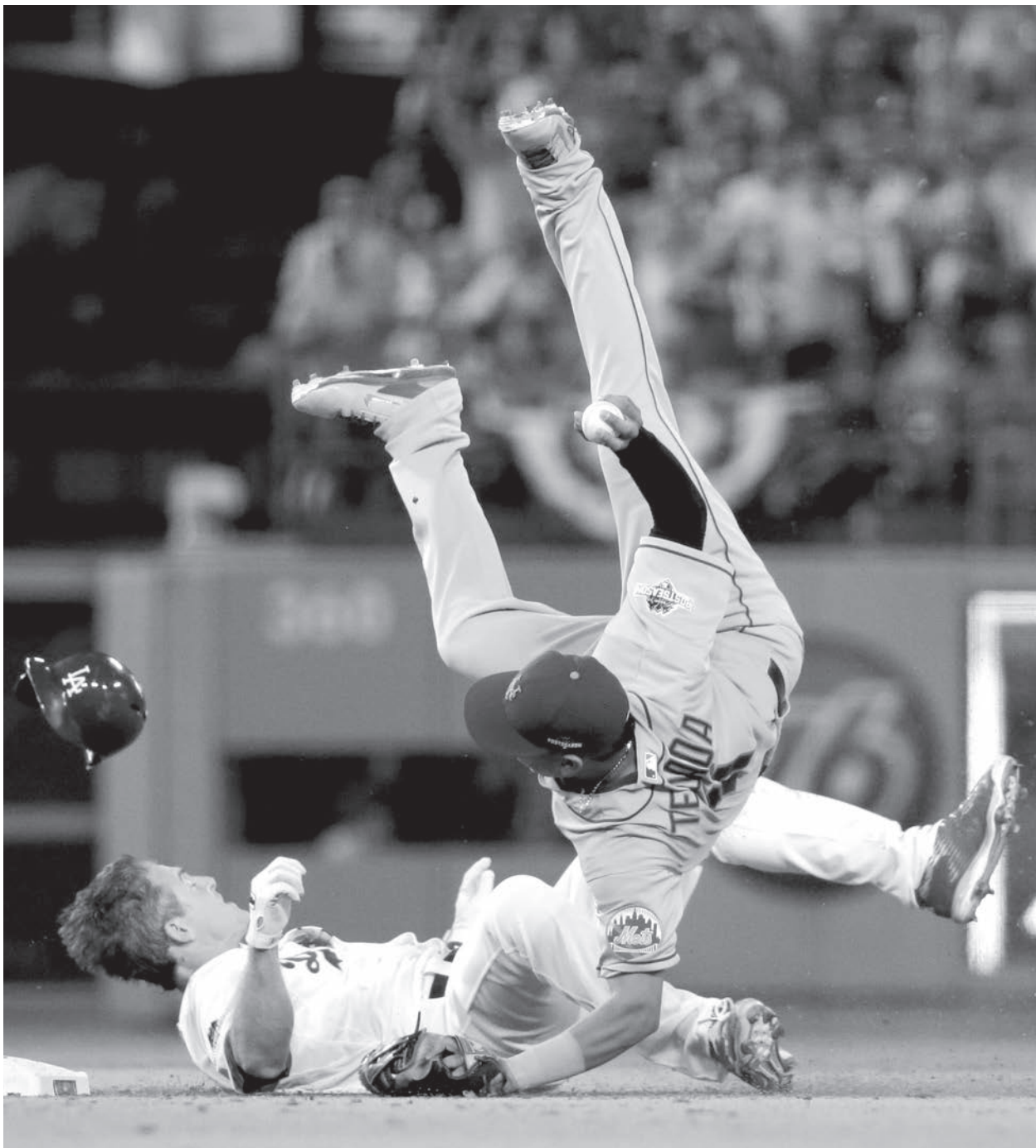
Murphy flipped to Tejada, who took the throw awkwardly for an apparent force as Utley slid maybe a foot outside of the base and past the bag and slammed into the shortstop with Tejada's back turned to the play. That caused Tejada to flip over as the tying run scored from third.

Mets infielder Kelly Johnson called it a "tackle." Asked about the play, second baseman Daniel Murphy said, "Slide would be generous."

"Only Chase knows going in there what the intent was," third baseman David Wright said. "I have a problem with the play on a number of different levels, one being the slide itself. In my opinion, he wasn't anywhere close to the bag. With that being said, he never touched the bag. And I think the 'neighborhood play' is there to protect players. ... It definitely seemed like after that play we lost the momentum and they came up with some big hits."

Joe Torre, MLB's chief baseball officer, will examine the play to determine whether anything "excessive" occurred.

"I'd hate to think that Utley tried to



New York Mets shortstop Ruben Tejada, goes over the top of Los Angeles Dodgers' Chase Utley who broke up a double play during the seventh inning in Game 2 of baseball's National League Division Series, Saturday, Oct. 10, 2015 in Los Angeles.

hurt somebody," Torre said. "It certainly was late. That concerns me. The lateness of the slide."

Tejada was put on a flatbed vehicle after an air cast was placed on his leg. The Mets said Tejada sustained a fractured right fibula. Utley was ruled safe on a video review, which determined Tejada's foot missed the bag. Utley also appeared not to touch the base.

"Tejada showed that he didn't touch

the bag and Utley never touched second base," Torre said. "The fact that he was called out meant he's not required to touch second base once he's called out. So when the play was overturned, he gets awarded second base on that."

Mets manager Terry Collins wouldn't say whether he thought the slide was clean or not. He said the umpires were "great" in how they

handled the review.

"They thought that it's pretty hard to rule that he didn't touch the bag when he hit the shortstop and nobody was tagged, so they have no other call," he said, "so they handled it right."

Adrian Gonzalez followed with a two-run double off Addison Reed and scored on Justin Turner's double

"Every single guy on the field on both sides, both dugouts, would have

done the same thing," Gonzalez said. "It was huge. Got the game tied, and after the replay, gave us a rally."

There was some history between Utley and Tejada. The Mets were angered during a takeout slide by Utley when he played for Philadelphia against them in September 2010.

"Yeah, they're angry," Collins said of his players. "You lose in a playoff series to that serious of an injury, yeah, they're not very happy about it."

Dodgers manager Don Mattingly defended Utley.

"I know Chase is not trying to hurt anybody," he said. "He's just playing the game the way he plays it. He plays it hard, he's aggressive."

Turner called Utley "old-school," saying, "He's a guy that plays balls to the wall and goes in hard. If you're not protecting yourself or you're not in good position when they come in hard like that, you have a chance of getting hurt."

Collins said Wilmer Flores will replace Tejada at shortstop for the rest of the series.

The action shifts to Citi Field in New York for Game 3 Monday, when Brett Anderson starts for the Dodgers against the Mets' Matt Harvey in the best-of-five series.

The Dodgers' Zack Greinke (1-0) allowed two runs and five hits in seven innings. He struck out eight and walked none a night after teammate Clayton Kershaw fanned 11 while losing his fifth straight postseason game.

Kenley Jansen pitched the ninth for the save, completing a five-hitter.

Yoenis Cespedes and Michael Conforto hit solo homers in the second, the latter off the right-field pole. Andre Ethier had an RBI double in the fourth.

Syndergaard (0-1) gave up three runs and five hits in 6 1/3 innings of his first career postseason start. He struck out nine and walked four in following up Jacob deGrom's 13-strikeout performance in winning Game 1. Eight of Syndergaard's first 36 pitches reached 100 mph or more over the first two innings on an unseasonable 90-degree evening.

"Anytime you can go 1-1 against Kershaw and Greinke in their house, I guess we'll take it," Wright said. "But we wanted to get greedy and head back to New York with a 2-0 lead."

Cubs put squeeze on Cardinals, even NLDS with 6-3 win

ST. LOUIS (AP)—For one inning, Jorge Soler and all those Chicago Cubs rookies looked like playoff-tested veterans and the St. Louis Cardinals appeared shaken.

That's all it took.

Kyle Hendricks and Addison Russell had successful squeeze bunts and Soler capped a five-run second with a two-run homer off Jaime Garcia, and the Cubs held off the Cardinals 6-3 on Saturday night to even their NL Division Series at a game apiece.

"Listen, I can't be more proud of our guys," manager Joe Maddon said. "When you win a wild-card game like we did, I promise you, you settle in. We didn't win yesterday but we were not overwhelmed by anything."

Maddon made all the right moves a night after the Cubs

lost the opener 4-0. Now the teams shift to Wrigley Field for Game 3 Monday, the first playoff game at the friendly confines since 2008, where Chicago's 22-game winner Jake Arrieta faces St. Louis' Michael Wacha in the first best-of-five series.

"Getting back there 1-1 with our big dog on the mound, the atmosphere is going to be good," Anthony Rizzo said.

The usually steady NL Central champion Cardinals made two errors as the Cubs didn't hit the ball out of the infield in scoring their first three runs in the second.

"It is hard to watch a club that's played so well defensively, see a couple things happen that are kind of uncharacteristic for us," manager Mike Matheny said.

Making his first postseason start, Soler connected off Garcia (0-1), who was lifted because of a stomach ailment after the second. The Cubs have been working Soler back into the mix after he returned from a left oblique strain in mid-September.

"All I was trying to do was help the team win," Soler said through a translator. "He got a ball up where I could hit it hard."

Garcia told the team he felt a bit ill about an hour before the game but thought he'd be fine.

"I was going to pitch, it was my game," Garcia said. "I worked so hard all year for this situation and unfortunately it didn't go my way, but no excuse."

Dexter Fowler, Soler and Starlin Castro each had two of Chicago's six hits in a game

played in front of a lively crowd of 47,859, a postseason record at 10-year-old Busch Stadium, that included thousands of Cubs fans.

Soler also doubled and walked twice in the Cubs' first postseason victory since 2003. Chicago had lost seven straight Division Series games.

The Cardinals homered three times, including a leadoff long ball by Matt Carpenter. Consecutive shots by Kolten Wong and pinch-hitter Randal Grichuk with two outs in the fifth chased Hendricks one out shy of qualifying for the victory in his postseason debut.

Travis Wood (1-0) allowed one hit with two strikeouts in 2 1/3 scoreless innings for the victory. Hector Rondon, briefly stuck in the bullpen bathroom

during Game 1, earned his first career postseason save.

"That's really funny for me right now," Rondon said with a laugh.

Though none of the runs were earned in the second, Garcia's first postseason start since 2012 was a disaster.

The Cubs capitalized when Garcia blew a play on a safety squeeze by Hendricks. The pitcher hesitated instead of throwing home with a very good chance of cutting down the run, then made a wild, flat-footed throw to first for an error.

"I didn't even see it," Hendricks said. "I put my head down and started running."

Russell, the next batter, squeezed in another run, and Dexter Fowler had an RBI infield hit before Soler drove a high 2-2 pitch over the center field wall.

"Everything has to be set up properly for that," Maddon said. "It just was."

The inning was also aided by an ill-advised, off-target relay to first for a throwing error by second baseman Kolten Wong trying for a double play.

Lance Lynn, the presumptive Game 4 starter, replaced Garcia in the third as the first in a parade of relievers. Matheny said there are "options" for Game 4, with Lynn or lefty Tyler Lyons as possibilities.

Two-time 20-game winner Adam Wainwright, coming off a torn left Achilles in late April, fanned three in 1 2/3 scoreless innings, his fourth appearance since being injured and first of more than an inning.

Hendricks allowed three homers in 4 2/3 innings. He had 17 no-decisions in the regular season, most in the majors.

Johnson has 2 TD receptions, leads Colts over Texans, 27-20



H O U S T O N (AP)—Indianapolis coach Chuck Pagano isn't sure when Andrew Luck can play again.

Not to worry though. He's got the ageless Matt Hasselbeck to fill in.

Andre Johnson caught two touchdown passes from the 40-year-old Hasselbeck, the second for 2 yards in the fourth quarter, to help the Colts beat the Houston Texans 27-20 on Thursday night.

"Got the best backup in the league right now," Pagano said. "We could argue that."

Released by Houston in March after 12 seasons with the team, Johnson had six catches for 77 yards.

Hasselbeck won his second straight game filling in for Luck, who was out with a shoulder injury.

Hasselbeck's performance was even more impressive given the fact that he was battling a bacterial infection that hospitalized him this week. He started feeling ill just before halftime Sunday in a victory over Jacksonville and didn't start feeling

better until Thursday night.

"I honestly feel like this isn't even real right now," Hasselbeck said.

Pagano raved about Hasselbeck.

"He was literally on his deathbed Monday/Tuesday and mustered up enough to come in Wednesday and practice," Pagano said. "He was getting IVs and fighting a virus and the grittiest performance I've seen in a long, long time."

Brian Hoyer, who replaced Ryan Mallett for Houston (1-4) in the second quarter, threw a pass up for grabs that was intercepted by Mike Adams with less than 2 minutes left to help the Colts (3-2) seal the victory.

Some things to know about the Colts' win over the Texans.

QUARTERBACK CAROUSEL:

Mallett got the wind knocked out of him on an illegal hit midway through the second quarter and was replaced by Hoyer. Mallett was OK soon after that, but coach Bill O'Brien stuck with Hoyer, who finished with 312 yards passing with two touchdowns. Hoyer won the starting job out of camp but was benched after Week 1. He came in late



AP
Houston Texans' Jaelen Strong (11) pulls a pass for a touchdown against the Indianapolis Colts to the first half of an NFL football game Thursday, Oct. 8, 2015, in Houston.

in last week's loss Atlanta, but O'Brien started Mallett again on Thursday. After the game he wouldn't say who will direct the offense going forward.

"We'll review (the film) tomorrow and see where we are at that position," O'Brien said.

MIXED RECEPTION: Johnson, who is Houston's career receiving leader, drew boos from the home crowd when he grabbed a 23-yard reception late in the first quarter. Two plays later, he scored his first touchdown of the season when he

was wide open in the back of the end zone for 4-yard reception that made it 10-0. Johnson laughed about the early boos and said the crowd warmed up to him later. "When I would be on the sidelines a lot of the fans were screaming, 'Andre we still

love you! Come back to Houston! Welcome home!'" Johnson said. "So that was probably the most special thing."

A STRONG GAME: Houston rookie Jaelen Strong had his first two NFL receptions and they were both for touchdowns. Hoyer's desperation throw on the last play of the first half that Strong pulled down in a sea of Indianapolis defenders for a 42-yard touchdown strike cut the lead to 13-10. Strong boxed out two defenders and outjumped the others to reel in his first NFL catch. Strong's second catch and touchdown came on an 11-yard pass by Hoyer to get Houston to 20-17 in the third quarter.

STREAKING: The Colts extended their AFC South winning streak to an NFL-record 16 games. It's the longest such streak since the 1972-73 Dolphins won 15 in a row. It began with a win over Houston to end the 2012 season, a game that marked the return of Pagano to the sideline after he missed 12 games while he battled leukemia. "We gave everybody a game ball from this one," Pagano said. "We could have given out some individual ones but to surpass the only team in the NFL that had a perfect season ... and hold that record now that is something that every man on this football team and everybody in our organization can share."

Hoyer gets starting QB job back for scuffling Texans

H O U S T O N (AP)—Brian Hoyer has his job back as Houston's starting quarterback.

Hoyer won the job out of camp but was pulled in the fourth quarter of a season-opening loss to the Chiefs after committing two turnovers. Ryan Mallett has started since then, but he has struggled and Hoyer took over in both of the last two games as the Texans fell to 1-4.

Hoyer replaced Mallett in the second quarter on Thursday night and threw for 312 yards and two touchdowns. He was intercepted by Mike Adams with less than 2 minutes left to help seal the Colts' 27-20 victory.

The Texans have 10 days before they'll try to get back on track when they travel to Jacksonville on Oct. 18.

Although O'Brien is going with Hoyer against the Jaguars, he wouldn't commit to anything beyond that.

"It's 11 one-game seasons so he's the starter for Jacksonville," O'Brien said. "I think over the last two games he's gone in there with a really good attitude, with a calmness about him, with really good mechanics. Has he been perfect? No. But I think that ... overall he's played pretty well."

Mallett helped Houston to its only win in his second start when he threw a touchdown pass, but also had an interception in a 19-9 victory over Tampa Bay.

His struggles continued in a 48-21 loss to Atlanta when he threw an interception and didn't lead the Texans to any points before Hoyer took over. Hoyer threw two touchdown passes and directed three scoring drives late against a Falcons defense that had pulled most of its starters. O'Brien stuck with Mallett, starting him again on Thursday - and the results were much the same.

A pass deflected by Arian Foster was intercepted on Houston's first drive on Thursday and Mallett was unable to get the Texans any points on the next two drives either. He took an illegal hit to the ribs on Houston's next possession, forcing him out of the game.

Hoyer came in and Mallett was fine a couple of minutes later, but O'Brien went with Hoyer for the rest of the game. Mallett was not happy about the decision and appeared to be moping on the sidelines.

"Ryan's a competitor and he wants to play, but we have to do what's best for the team and that's what we think is best for the team right now," O'Brien said.

O'Brien has liked the way Hoyer has played in the two games since the season opener, when he seemed a bit tight.

"There's no position that's more important than quarterback when it comes to consistency," O'Brien said. "Over the last however many quarters he's played (Hoyer's) been a consistent player for us."

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP)—Things were supposed to be different in the Sunshine State this season.

■ The Tampa Bay Buccaneers drafted quarterback Jameis Winston with the top pick, getting a Heisman Trophy winner and collegiate national champion.

■ The Miami Dolphins signed defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh to a six-year, \$114 million contract, landing the top free agent on the market.

■ The Jacksonville Jaguars completed a three-year overhaul that included a burgeoning roster and nearly \$180 million in free agency upgrades.

But already Florida's NFL teams have fallen short of expectations. All three are 1-3 after the first quarter of the season.

"There are a lot of teams that aren't in Florida that are 1-3, too," Dolphins center Mike Pouncey said.

Indeed, there are 11 teams sitting at 1-3 across the league. But Florida is the only state with two or more teams on the list.

One of them should get a win this week since the Buccaneers host the Jaguars on Sunday. The Dolphins are on a bye.

There's no common theme as to what has gone wrong in the state. The Bucs can blame two rookies, Winston and kicker Kyle Brindza. The Dolphins can blame two fired coaches, Joe Philbin and defensive coordinator Kevin Coyle. The Jaguars can blame two pivotal injuries,

playing without tight end Julius Thomas and defensive tackle Sen'Derrick Marks.

"There are no excuses," Jaguars tight end Marcedes Lewis said. "This is the NFL. It's about being good in game situations. Football is a sport where game situations matter. What you do in those situations, that's what defines you."

Here's what has defined the Bucs, Fins and Jags in 2015:

■ **BUCCANEERS:** Winston has eight turnovers, including seven interceptions. Two of those were returned for touchdowns.

The Buccaneers knew there would be some growing pains with the former Florida State star, but they also expected the offensive line would play better in front of him. Winston has been sacked nine times.

"It's just not all on Jameis, believe me," coach Lovie Smith said. "We say those turnovers (are to blame), and they had a lot to do with it, but there are other areas we need to improve also and we will."

Second-year pro Mike Evans, who caught 68 passes for 1,051 yards and 12 touchdowns as a rookie, has yet to find the end zone. Tampa Bay is playing without talented tight end Austin Seferian-Jenkins (shoulder). And the defense ranks 30th in the league against the run.

Tampa Bay's kicking game has been even more problematic.

Brindza missed six field-goal attempts and two extra points

before getting cut Monday. He missed two field goals and an extra point in last week's 14-point loss to Carolina. He missed three field goals and an extra point in a 10-point loss at Houston last month.

■ **DOLPHINS:** Miami fired Philbin on Monday, a day after a third straight loss and fourth consecutive lackluster performance, and promoted tight ends coach Dan Campbell to interim coach.

The decision came down amid more doubt regarding Philbin's inability to motivate players.

Three days after taking over, Campbell fired Coyle and replaced him with defensive backs coach Lou Anarumo.

Coyle was widely criticized for the decline of Miami's defense since he arrived in 2012. The Dolphins gave up 317 points that season, followed by 335 and 373, and after four games, they're on pace to allow 404 this season.

Miami ranks last in the NFL in rushing defense, giving up 160.5 yards a game, and last with one sack despite the offseason addition of Suh.

Campbell is installing a more competitive environment - beginning in practice.

"There's always got to be some element to me of competition in the practice where it's 'mano a mano' and everybody is looking at you because that's when you get the most of those guys and that's when they begin

to grow," Campbell said.

■ **JAGUARS:** The Jaguars want to see what happens when they get even close to full strength. The team lost defensive end Dante Fowler, the third overall pick in the draft, in the opening hour of rookie camp in May and have played the first four games without their top free agent acquisition, Thomas, and their best defensive lineman, Marks. They also have had speedy receiver Marqise Lee for five full practices and about five quarters this season.

Although some fans are growing impatient with the latest rebuilding project, the Jaguars see progress.

Coach Gus Bradley calls it the "race to maturity," and quarterback Blake Bortles, receiver Allen Robinson, running back T.J. Yeldon, left tackle Luke Joeckel and others are making strides.

"We're making some plays," Robinson said. "We haven't capitalized deep in the red zone to put points on the board, but that's something we're figuring out. We've been in games. We're giving ourselves opportunities. We just have to capitalize on them."

Indeed, if not for rookie Jason Myers' two missed field goals at Indianapolis—one at the end of regulation and another in overtime—the Jaguars would be 2-2 and have two losses to two undefeated teams, Carolina and New England.

"We can definitely build on what we're doing," Lewis said.

Easy wins for Ask Y U B, MJD/GPPC

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Ask Y U B and M J D / G P P C waltzed past their respective foes in the 2015 San Antonio Community Action Network Basketball League last Saturday at the San Antonio court.

In the masters division, MJD/GPPC dominated KB Market, 87-67, to win its debut game, while Ask Y U B also had a rousing start after crushing 5 Star Construction, 127-43, in their open division pairing.

5 Star Construction, which is composed of newcomers in Saipan basketball, was beaten black and blue by Ask Y U B

right from the get-go with the latter erecting a 37-10 advantage. By halftime, Ask Y U B had the game in the bag, extending its lead to 63-20.

Ask Y U B made all kinds of shots, capitalizing on 5 Star Construction's lack of defensive stance en route to its 84-point winning margin.

Dave Camacho led Ask Y U B's demolition of 5 Star Construction, drilling 31 points, while Djay Ong and Josh Sablan chipped in 28 and 26, respectively. Sablan made 24 of his total markers from downtown, as he nailed a lot of uncontested shots with 5 Star Construction players helplessly watching Ask Y U B tore them apart. Alex Standish contributed

16, Keoni Chariton added 10, and Sid Quan and Jethro Cruz tallied 8 markers apiece to complete Ask Y U B's box score.

Ryan Boglie paced 5 Star Construction with his 13 markers.

In the masters division, MJD/GPPC manhandled KB Market behind the 37-point explosion of Jun Tabora.

Tabora also drew help from three of his teammates with big man Jorge De Guzman recording 13 points and Randy Mungcal and Jun Alipio registering 13 and 10, respectively.

Tabora, Mungcal, and De Guzman found their targets early in the game, lifting MJD/GPPC to a 31-20 advantage at the end of the first period. MJD/GPPC never looked back from

thereon, as KB Market failed to neutralize Tabora.

Masters

MJD/GPPC 87 – Tabora 37, De Guzman 13, Mungcal 13, Alipio 10, Ocampo 6, Usi 5, Deocares 2, Rosario 2.

KB Market 67 – Umali 24, Rangamar 10, Garcia 8, Banzagale 5, Morales 3, Castro 2, Lansang 2.

Open

Ask Y U B 127 – Camacho 31, Ong 28, Sablan 26, Standish 16, Chariton 10, Quan 8, Cruz 8.

5 Star Construction 43 – Boglie 13, Pangilinan 12, Munar 12, Penalva 4, Bermiso 2, Garcia 1.

Finals rematch in Belau men's league

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The San Antonio Masters scored a come-from-behind 18-15 win over IP&E in their do-or-die match yesterday in the Belau Men's Slow-pitch Softball League playoff round at the Dandan Ballfield.

The S.A. Masters earned the right to face defending titlists Brotherhood in the best-of-three title duel, which is a rematch of last year's finals.

Pennant champions Brotherhood swept Mommy Charu in their own playoffs showdown last week to clinch the first finals berth.

Brotherhood breezed through with a 12-2 win in Game 1 then closed out the series with a 9-1 triumph.

The Masters and IP&E, meanwhile, split the first two games of their own best-of-three semifinals series.

IP&E defeated the Masters, 9-4, in the opener but the latter bounced back with a 14-10 decision to force a deciding game.

The S.A. Masters, in yesterday's rubber match, slowly chipped away IP&E's 10-run lead to complete the win.

IP&E scored 10 runs in the first inning but were shut out for most of the way, while the Masters little by little overhauled that deficit.

John Cepeda's first home run of the season in the fifth inning and Jeff Cabrera's first-inning grand slam highlighted the Masters' victory.

IP&E had five more runs in the final inning but the Masters held on to seal the finals date with Brotherhood on Sunday, Oct. 18, also at the Dandan field. Game 1 is set at 11am while the next match will be played after a 30-minute break.

Cepeda, Masters manager Luis Cepeda, team captain Dennis Ngeskebei and the entire team are hoping for a



Defending champion Brotherhood hopes to win its finals rematch against the San Antonio Masters for the Belau Men's Slow-pitch Softball League finals next week.

different outcome this time after losing to Brotherhood last year.

Reno Celis, Jeff Sablan, Jess Cabrera, Ike Cabrera, Jude Dickinson, Ton Tomo-

kane, Rep. Ralph Yumul (Ind.-Saipan) are the other members of the Masters.



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Ask Y U B's Alex Standish goes up for a layup against 5 Star Construction's Arturo Pangilinan during the third quarter of their open division game in the San Antonio caging last Saturday at the San Antonio court.

Babauta vows stronger Oceania Wrestling performance

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CNMI wrestler Ryan Babauta vows to have a stronger performance in the 2016 Oceania Wrestling Championships to be hosted by Hamilton, New Zealand on March 11 and 12.

Babauta said, in a Facebook post, that he still managed to overcome the odds despite the hardships he faced preparing for this year's Oceania championships, which was a qualifying tournament for the Junior World Championship in Brazil last August and Senior World Championship in Las Vegas last month September.

"I had so many downfalls in the 2015 OWC. Dieting wasn't good, injuries left and right, and just overall unprepared for what was to come. But I still tried my best for my island of Saipan," said Babauta.

Cadet, junior, senior, freestyle, Greco-Roman, women's wrestling, and beach wrestling are the

events that will be offered in the OWC in New Zealand.

In this year's OWC in Marshall Islands, Babauta represented the CNMI in an international tournament for the first time. He won six medals, two of which were gold (high school wrestling and juniors Greco-Roman) in Majuro.

He also won a silver medal in junior freestyle and bronzes in high school wrestling, seniors Greco-Roman (96kgs), and beach wrestling (85kgs).

Department of Public Safety acting public information officer Jason Tarkong was his coach and trainer.

Babauta added that Tarkong, who is also his uncle, urged and helped him prepare for the OWC in Majuro to gain experience in an international tournament.

"So, this coming 2016 OWC, I will be more than ready to represent Saipan again and bring back more medals. For the honor and glory of the island of Saipan.

It was the Marshall Islands' first time to host an Oceania Championship in any sport and a total of 100 delegates from 16 Pacific Is-

land nations—American Samoa, Australia, the CNMI, Federated States of Micronesia, French Polynesia (Tahiti), Guam, Kiri-

bati, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, and Tuvalu—joined the OWC.



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The CNMI's Ryan Babauta, left, poses with a female participant in the beach wrestling event of this year's Oceania Wrestling Championships in Majuro, Marshall Islands.



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'Experience will make CNMI soccer better'

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The CNMI gained something more valuable than winning when it competed in Asian Football Confederation-sanctioned tournaments last month.

"The experience (in the international tournament) will make CNMI soccer better," said Northern Mariana Islands Football Association technical director Kiyoshi Sekiguchi, who coached



the two Commonwealth youth squads that joined AFC events in Laos and Thailand.

Sekiguchi first called the shots for the CNMI U16 National Team that participated in the AFC U16 Champi-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The CNMI's Jordan Butcher, 25, steps into the play during their game against Thailand in the AFC U19 Championship Bahrain 2016 Qualifiers in Bangkok early this month.

Mamba notches second semis ticket

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Mamba bagged the second semis berth in the 2015 Blue Haus/IT&E Inter-Color Basketball League after eliminating Purple Rain, 88-70, in their playoff match last Friday at the Navy Hill Court.

Mamba managed to take a double-digit winning margin despite falling behind by as much as 12 points in the first quarter (12-24) after outgunning Purple Rain in the closing minutes of the third and

sustaining its momentum in the fourth.

Still down at 45-50, with three minutes and change in the pivotal third canto, Mamba went on a 16-5 windup to grab the driver's seat entering the final frame, 61-55. Christian Devero sparked the rally, scoring four straight baskets, while Brendon Talania finished what the former started, as the latter also registered 8 straight points.

Talanía picked up where he left off, firing 6 of Mamba's first 10 points in the fourth

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onship India 2016 Qualifiers at the National Sports Complex Stadium in Vientiane. The Teen Ayuyus dropped all their games in the Group G qualifier, falling to Timor-Leste, the Philippines, Laos, and eventual champion Malaysia.

Of their four matches, Seki-

guchi picked their game against the hosts as the best for the Commonwealth players.

"In the first half, the score was 0-0. Laos won, 5-0. Our players did their best," Sekiguchi said.

Sekiguchi's U16 crew was composed of Christopher Aninzo, Clayton Izuka, James Er-

mitanio, Alan Hinson, Mareko Tekopua, Alex Park, Louie Calayag, Cole Chambers, Code Leon, Emmanuel Aniana, Sunjoon Tenorio, Edwin Kim, Anthony Fruit, Joshua Abragan, Jonathan Capayas, Joshua De Leon, Thaipi Austria, Chad Shankweiler, and Dai

Podziewski. Fruit and Tenorio managed to score in the AFC tournament in Laos, drilling one goal apiece in the Teen Ayuyus 2-9 loss to the Philippines.

From Laos, Sekiguchi went to Thailand to be with the

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Netter Lee earns back-to-back NMSA citation

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Junior netter Carol Lee earned consecutive Northern Marianas Sports Association Female Student Athlete of the Month citations for July and August during last Thursday's meeting held at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium conference room.

Swimmer Victoria Chentsova was chosen as the Female Student Athlete of the Month for her commendable performance in the XV Pacific Games in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. She had a couple of fourth place finishes, missing the podium by mere seconds.

Robbie Schorr, another rising junior netter, and Marianas High School freshman Jonah Pohl were also voted as the Male Student Athletes of the Month for August and September.

Last July, the 13-year-old Lee managed to reach the semifinals of the Oceania Open Junior Championships in Lautoka, Fiji.



Schorr

boost their junior world ranking points.

She beat 1,638th-ranked Emily Thompson of Australia, 6-0, 6-3, and followed it up with a 6-1, 6-2 demolition of Hong Kong's Justine Leong (ITF 1,278). Her luck, however, ran out when she dropped a 6-3, 6-2 semis match against No. 555 Claudia Ng also of Hong Kong.

Lee then teamed up with Palau's Ayana Rengiil in the doubles event of the South Pacific Open Junior Championships where they defeated the pair of Hong Kong's Venia Young and Japan's Sophie Hamada, 6-0, 4-6,

10-3.

She then made history in August after becoming the only player in the history of the Pacific Oceania Junior Championships to win three age division titles successively in three years—U11 in 2013, U12 in 2014, and at the age of 13 topped the U16 division this year.

Lee also played in the semifinals of the Oceania Closed Junior Championship, an ITF high level B2 event where the best tennis players from Australia and New Zealand compete.

She earned 25 ITF junior ranking points after a quick 6-0, 6-2 decision over Australian Monique Belovukovic (ITF 566). She, however, absorbed a 7-5, 6-1 semis showdown with No. 138 Michaela Haet of Australia.



Lee



Pohl

Lee now has an ITF junior world ranking of 780 and Pacific Oceania development officer Darran Wrighton placed her in the Top 20 13-year-old players in the region.

Schorr also had an amazing run in the POJC in August where he almost defeated eventual champion Clemente Mainguy of Vanuatu. He was at match point in their semis match but his opponent managed to turn things to his favor to escape with a 6-2, 6-7, 7-10 triumph.

Schorr, who placed third in the POJC U14 division, avenged his loss to Mainguy in the teams event, 6-4, 6-7, 10-7 to force a three-way tie for the No. 1 ranking in the age group with the Vanuatu netter and Tahiti's Gillian Osmont.

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Mamba's Brendon Talania, center, drives against Purple Rain's R.J. Reyes, left, and Adrian Flores during the fourth quarter of their playoff game in the Blue Haus-IT&E caging last Friday at the Navy Hill court.